

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **The Board's Goal**

As representatives joined in a positive, cooperative effort with parents, students and staff, it is the mission of the AEA Board of Education to determine the direction of the school, set policies, define goals and work toward providing the highest quality resources that will ensure that every student receives the very best education possible and is prepared for the future.

## **A Board of Citizens**

Five citizens are selected to the board. Each member serves a two-year term. To maintain continuity, the terms are staggered. The board is a policy-making body that represents both the State of Ohio and school parents/guardians on all matters and decisions regarding public education. No individual member has the independent authority to speak for the board.

## **Board Meetings**

Board meetings are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend. The board occasionally conducts special meetings when school matters need immediate attention.

## **Public Participation**

The AEA Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

Public participation shall be permitted in accordance with the following rules:

- Public participation shall be permitted, as indicated, on agenda and non-agenda items.
- Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer, and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if appropriate.
- Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (3) minutes duration. Public participation shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes total per board meeting.
- Copies of prepared written statements shall be given to the Board Members, Superintendent, and Treasurer.

## **Executive Sessions**

Ohio law permits board members to hold private discussions during a meeting. Executive sessions allow members to discuss personnel matters, property purchases, possible legal action, employment negotiations, security arrangements and items the law says must be kept confidential. Because Ohio law says all votes must be cast in public, executive sessions are for discussion purposes only.

## **Superintendent's Role**

The superintendent administers the school's educational and co-curriculum programs and carries out board policies. The superintendent has the ultimate responsibility for all educational services. The superintendent is directly responsible to the board as are the treasurer, the school attorney, and the executive director of instruction. All other employees of the district are responsible to the superintendent.

## **Treasurer's Role**

The treasurer administers, in cooperation with the superintendent, the financial, legal and contractual business of the district. The treasurer is not a member of the board. Instead, the treasurer is an employee of the board.