



# Becoming a School Board Member

# What does the BLS Board of Directors do?



- Sets policy
- Hires and evaluates Superintendent
- Engages community members in public education



- Follows Carver Policy Governance model

# Remaking Governance

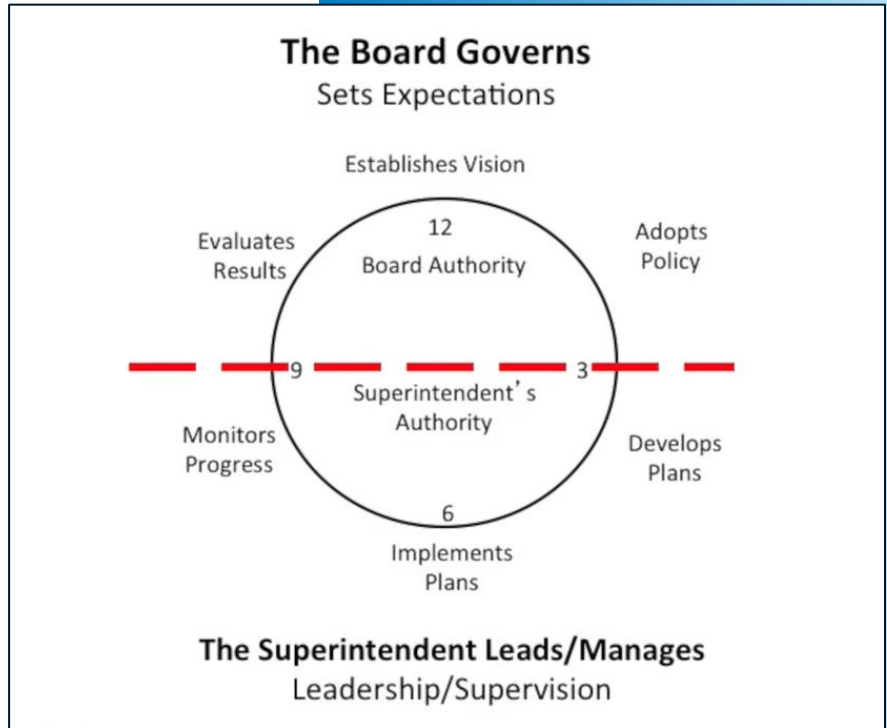


*The creator of 'Policy Governance' challenges school boards to change*

BY JOHN CARVER



- Governs the system and supports the work of the district



# What makes a good board member?



- Conviction that public education is important
- Commitment to public involvement
- Ability to make hard decisions
- Belief in democratic process
- Respect for district employees
- Good communication skills
- Willingness to commit to the work

# Board Member Words of Wisdom

- “My personal mantra has always been, do what's best for children in the most affordable way.”
- “A school board’s primary mission is to hire a talented superintendent, hold that person accountable and find ways to be supportive of the school mission as you speak as one voice, as a board.”
- “School boards need dedicated citizens who believe in children and will support talented educators trying to make the learning environment inclusive and meaningful for all.”
- “Set goals that command your thoughts, liberate your energy, inspire your hopes, and are humbling and compassionate.”



# Time Commitment



- Volunteer-based = no salary!
- Four-year term
- Typically two meetings per month
- Committee meetings
- Appearances on behalf of the district
- Study board packet materials prior to each meeting



## Annual Planning Calendar

Month 2nd Tuesday: Business Mtg 4th Tuesday: Work Sessions	Required Actions/Reports: Reports & actions required by regulation/policy	Recurring Monthly Actions/Reports	Program Review: Provide Board with periodic reviews of student programs	District Department Reports: Provide Board with periodic review of departments	Other: Reports/actions/ presentations as requested by Board/ Superintendent
<b>JULY</b>	Election of board officers (on election year only-otherwise in June)	Consent Agenda *Board Minutes *Personnel Reports *Policies District Recognitions Chair Report Superintendent Report Policies in Review			
<b>July Work Session</b>					New Board Member Orientation
<b>AUGUST</b>		Consent Agenda *Board Minutes *Personnel Reports *Policies District Recognitions Chair Report Superintendent Report Policies in Review			
<b>August Work Session/Board Retreat</b>					
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	ACTION: Sites & Facilities Charge (every 5 yrs-due 9/2026)	Consent Agenda *Board Minutes *Personnel Reports *Policies District Recognitions Chair Report Superintendent Report Policies in Review	REPORT: Summer Learning Update		REPORT: Enrollment Update  RESOLUTION: Welcoming Week Proclamation
<b>September Work Session</b>					REPORT: System Performance Measure Update
<b>OCTOBER</b>	REPORT: *Division 22 Assurances Compliance Report *Student Investment Account (SIA) Update	Consent Agenda *Board Minutes *Personnel Reports *Policies District Recognitions Chair Report Superintendent Report Policies in Review	REPORT: South County Update	REPORT: *Enrollment Update *Quarter 1 Finance Report	REPORT: Board End 1

# BLS Meeting Basics

- Generally held at Education Center at 5:30 p.m.
- Business Meetings
  - Typically 2nd Tuesday of each month
  - Regular business conducted, action taken, & public comment received
- Work Sessions
  - Typically 4th Tuesday of the month
  - Opportunities for Board to engage in discussion on key Board work & initiatives
- Committees
  - Appointed by the Board to make recommendations to the Board as a whole; only the Board may take action

**How do I become a  
board member?**



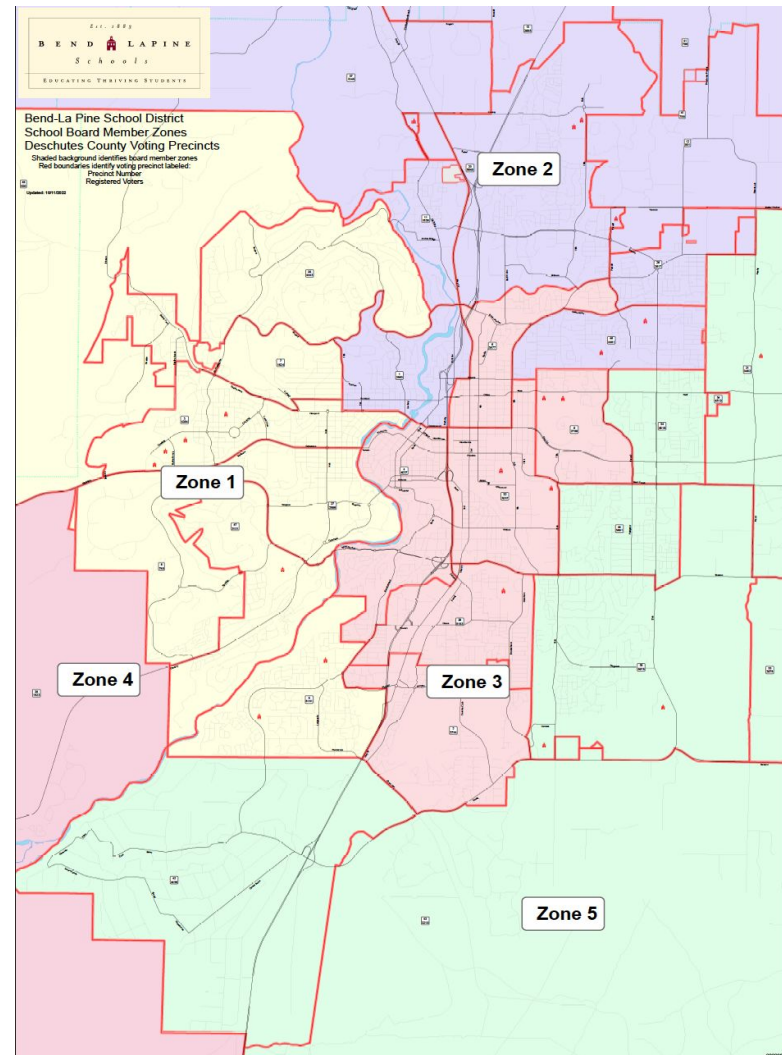
- Residency
  - Live within the District for at least one year
  - Be a registered voter in the District
- Not an employee of Bend-La Pine Schools



# Board Member Zones

- Zones 1-5
  - Member must live within zone they represent
- Zones 6-7
  - At-large positions and may live anywhere within the District
- All zones are voted on by all voters in the District

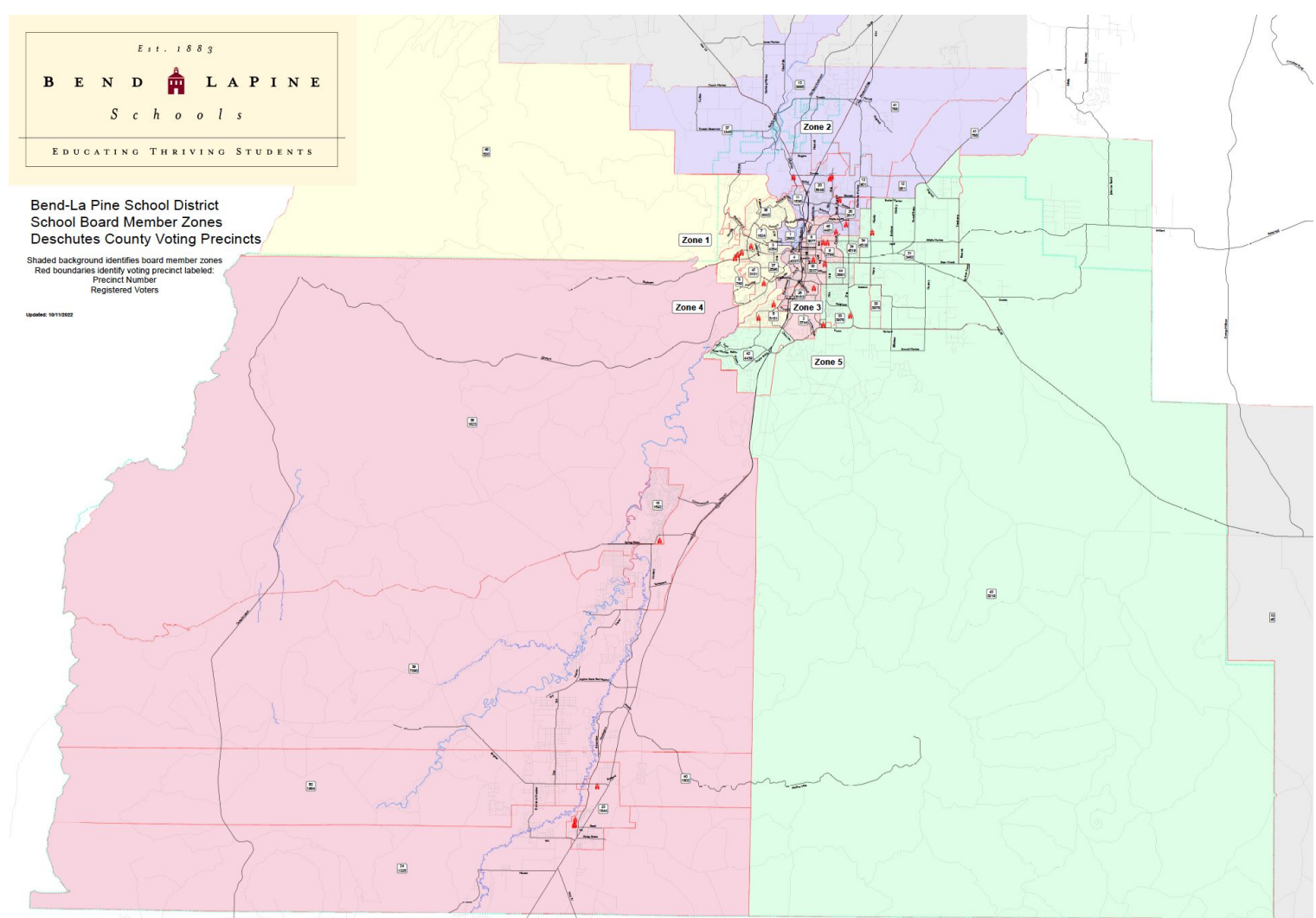
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**Bend-La Pine School District  
School Board Member Zones  
Deschutes County Voting Precincts**

Shaded background identifies board member zones  
Red boundaries identify voting precinct labeled:  
Precinct Number  
Registered Voters

12/20/2022





# Open Seats in May Election

- Zone 3 – currently held by Director Shimiko Montgomery
  - Candidates must reside and be a registered voter in precincts 2, 4, 6, 9, 25, or 32
- Zone 5 – currently held by Director Amy Tatom
  - Candidates must reside and be a registered voter in precincts 21, 33, 34, 42, 43, or 44
- Zone 6 – currently held by Director Melissa Barnes Dholakia
  - This is an at-large seat. Candidates must reside in the Bend-La Pine Schools attendance area and reside and be a registered voter within a Deschutes County voting precinct.
- Zone 7 – currently held by Director Kina Chadwick
  - This is an at-large seat. Candidates must reside in the Bend-La Pine Schools attendance area and reside and be a registered voter within a Deschutes County voting precinct.
  - The Zone 7 seat will be a two-year term serving until June 30, 2025, after which will return to a four-year term.

# Election and Filing Information

- Election: May 16, 2023
- File application with [Deschutes County Clerk](#)
  - Applications Open Now!
  - Filing Deadline: March 16, 2023



# Candidate Support

- Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA)
  - [GetOnBoardOregon.org](https://www.getonboardoregon.org)



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# Questions?

# Thank you!