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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FLASH #1

Responsibilities of School Boards

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A school board is....

- Independent local government
- Governing body of a school district with 9 elected directors
- Legislative body that makes policy for the school district
- Responsible for ensuring that education policy is executed faithfully by the employees of the school district
- Responsible for hiring a professional manager, a superintendent, to manage the day-to-day operations of the schools in the district

A school board must....

- Formulate and approve policies
- Comply with state educational policy
- Comply with national educational policy
- Balance its responsibility to provide educational programs with being stewards of community resources

School Board Election Flash Series

#1 Responsibilities of School Boards

#2 Responsibilities of School Directors

#3 Running for School Director

#4 Community Impact



Resources

- Pennsylvania School Boards Association
www.psba.org
- Lackawanna County Department of Elections
www.lackawannacounty.org
- Ready to Run[®] NEPA at The University of Scranton
www.scranton.edu/readytorun
- League of Women Voters of Lackawanna County
www.lwvlackawanna.org

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

Anthropologist