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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES & NEW BOARD MEMBERS

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE WEBINAR SERIES (ONLINE)

We are offering a **complimentary** Zoom webinar series for candidates to get up-to-speed on all elections-related topics. While we recommend that candidates attend all four, the first webinar on Aug. 13 is an essential first step for any individual interested in running for the board. Each webinar will be recorded and made available on IASB's website within 48 hours.

- **Aug. 13:** Running for the School Board 101: Essential Tips for School Board Candidates, Noon–1 p.m.
- **Sept. 3:** Legal & Ethical Campaigns for the School Board, Noon–1 p.m.
- **Sept. 24:** The Building Blocks of Effective Relationships with Your Legislators, Noon–1 p.m.
- **Oct. 15:** Student Learning: Do Boards Really Make a Difference?, Noon–1 p.m.

IASB BOARDCON (IN-PERSON)

Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 19–21, 2025

Iowa Events Center, Des Moines, IA

Board members serve to make a difference for their communities. BoardCon showcases innovations in education, how schools are raising the bar and tackling issues affecting students. You'll find inspiring speakers and countless ideas to make public schools strong!

This year's BoardCon features two inspiring keynote speakers:

- **Thomas C. Murray**, Educator, Author & Director of Innovation at Future Ready Schools
- **Anne Marie Anderson**, Award-Winning Speaker, Author & Broadcaster



In addition to two general sessions presented by our keynoters, we are offering a special closing general session this year focused on Iowa Open Meetings and Public Records laws. While only required for newly elected and appointed board members, annual participation is encouraged. Completion earns a certification and ensures board members are prepared to meet their legal obligations.

Stay, learn, and leave BoardCon confident in your legal responsibilities as a board member! To learn more about sessions offered, registration information, and more, visit www.ia-sb.org/boardcon.

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READY, SET, GOVERN! NEW BOARD MEMBER ONBOARDING WORKSHOPS (IN-PERSON)

Our interactive Ready, Set, Govern! workshops are designed to set you on the road to success. During each of these workshops, we will cover foundational elements of good governance, such as understanding the governance roles of the board, management roles of the superintendent, and tips for fostering good communication to support an effective board-superintendent team partnership. We'll also review policy and explore strategies for responding to questions or concerns from community members, families, and staff. The application of engaging real-life scenarios will provide the opportunity to apply what we've learned and deepen your understanding of the vital nature of your governance work. All regional workshops will run from 5:30–8 p.m., with a meal provided at 5 p.m.

We're thrilled to offer regional workshops hosted by various districts/AEAs across the state:

- **Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025:** PreCon Workshop (offered at BoardCon), Iowa Events Center
- **Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025:** Forest City Schools
- **Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025:** Fort Dodge Schools
- **Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025:** Northwest AEA in Sioux City
- **Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025:** Sioux Center Schools
- **Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025:** Emmetsburg Schools
- **Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025:** Marshalltown Schools
- **Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026:** Chariton Schools
- **Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026:** Van Meter Schools
- **Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026:** Mississippi Bend AEA in Bettendorf
- **Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026:** Mount Pleasant Schools
- **Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026:** Clear Creek Amana Schools
- **Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026:** Corning/Southwest Valley Schools
- **Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026:** Glenwood Schools
- **Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026:** Carroll Schools
- **Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2026:** Decorah Schools
- **Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026:** Oelwein Schools



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