



The Catskill Area School Study Council

(Virtual) School Boards Institute

Thursday, March 24th 2022

6:00 - 8:00 PM



New York State School Boards Association

Presenters: Mr. Jamie McPherson and Mr. Mark Snyder

School Board of Education members have the complex job of balancing their role as Board of Education and community members. In partnership with the New York School Boards Association, CASSC is offering two sessions designed to assist board members in the development of knowledge and skills for working with the community.

Civil and Effective Board Meetings

Session Description: School boards today have found themselves on the frontline of heated debates that often focus on a multitude of polarizing issues. While community input and the ability to express their views directly to school leaders is a fundamental principal of democracy, without proper structure and planning, school board meetings can quickly go awry when emotionally charged conversations disintegrate into disorder. In this session, learn best practices for running an effective meeting as well as practical strategies for managing public comment to create a structure for civil engagement which allows board to conduct business without disruption.

Building Relationships Through Community Engagement

Session Description: Community engagement is a critical component of effective school board governance as it helps strengthen relationships, ensure transparency, and gain insight into the decisions being made. However, building these relationships is often an up-hill battle, as many segments of the community are often disengaged with the school district. In this session, best practices and strategies for connecting with the community will be shared to help your district foster a school community that engages and welcomes all stakeholders.

This presentation will include opportunities to reflect together as a Board of Education on school policy and protocols. Since this will be an interactive virtual program, we recommend that Board Members participate as a district together in their home school to have these important conversations. (Recall the format that was used at the Scholar Recognition program last spring.) We understand that circumstances are unique and welcome individual attendees.

Please share this event with members of your Board of Education and School Leadership team that may benefit from this learning opportunity. Feel free to contact Suzanne Swantak-Furman, Executive Coordinator sswantak@oncbooces.org or Carolyn Leon Palm, Assistant Coordinator, at CASSC for more information at (607) 436-2533 or cpalm@oncbooces.org. **We thank you for your support.**

Registration materials are available on our website and will be distributed to superintendents and board clerks of our member districts via email and paper

http://oncbooces.org/adult_education/c_a_s_s_c_professional_programs/school_boards_institute



CASSC REGISTRATION FORM



School Board Institute 3/24/22 (Virtual)

Scan and email this form to cpalm@oncboces.org Registration deadline March 15th.

School District: _____

Do you plan to participate together as a Board at your home school? (check one) Yes _____ No _____

Participant Name <small>(Please <u>print</u> clearly)</small>	Participant Email <small>(Please <u>print</u> clearly)</small>		Title
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Registration Fee is fully BOCES aidable through the 622 COSER

CASSC/SBI *(622 CoSer) Member: \$75 per district

CASSC NON-Member: \$150 per district

* The charge to the school district per person is aided through BOCES 622.012 Co-Ser.

CASSC Member Charge \$ _____
 Non-CASSC Member Charge \$ _____

 Superintendent's Signature Date