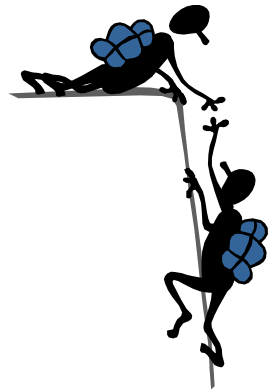


Handy Guide to Maintaining Your Sanity at School Board Meetings

(Acronyms, Initials and Terms)



ORGANIZATIONS, GROUPS

AAESA	American Association of Educational Service Agencies
AASA	American Association of School Administrators
AFT	American Federation of Teachers
ASBO	Association of School Business Officials
ASCD	Association for Supervision in Curriculum Development
BOCES (bo-sees)	Board of Cooperative Educational Services
BOE	Board of Education
CSD	Central School District
COLSBA	Council of Local School Boards Associations
CSEA	Civil Service Employees Association
DDSO	Developmental Disabilities Service Office
DSS	Department of Social Services
ED	Education Department (U.S. Department of Education)
ERS	Employees Retirement System
FCSBA	Four County School Boards Association
GVSBI	Genesee Valley School Boards Institute
MASLA	Management Advocates for School Labor Affairs
MCSBA	Monroe County School Boards Association
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress
NEA	National Education Association
NSBA	National School Boards Association
NSPRA	National School Public Relations Association
NEA-NY	National Education Association of New York Affiliated with NEA
NYSCOSS	New York State Council of School Superintendents
NYSED	New York State Education Department
NYSSBA	New York State School Boards Association
NYSTRS	New York State Teachers Retirement System
NYSSPRA	New York State School Public Relations Association
NYSUT	New York State United Teachers; affiliated with AFL-CIO
PERB	Public Employment Relations Board
SAANYS	School Administrators Association of New York State
Section V	Regional Section of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association
SED	State Education Department
SUNY	State University of New York
UFSD	Union Free School District
USDOE	United States Department of Education
VESID	Office of Vocational & Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities

INSTRUCTION RELATED

ACT	American College Testing Assessment Program
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AP	Advanced Placement Program
APE	Adaptive Physical Education
ASL	American Sign Language
CAD	Computer-aided Drafting for design
CBT	Computer-Based Testing
CDOS	Career Development and Occupational Studies
CSE	Committee on Special Education
DARE	Drug Abuse Resistance Education
ELA	English Language Arts
EMR	Educable Mentally Retarded; student with an I.Q. Between 50 and 75
ETS	Educational Testing Service
504 Plan	Section 504 Accommodation Plan
GED	General Education Development Test
HSE	High School Equivalency Diploma
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IEP	Individual Education Plan; program designed to meet the individual needs of a handicapped student
IQ	Intelligence Quotient
LD	Learning Disabled (or disorder); student not classified as handicapped yet requires special education program
LEP	Limited English Proficiency
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
MAT	Miller Analogies Test
MH	Multiple Handicapped
MR	Mentally Retarded
OHI	Other Health Impaired
OT	Occupational Therapy
PART 100	State Regulations – mandates for education programs
PART 200	State Regulations – mandates for students with disabilities
PPS	Pupil Personnel Services
PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test
PSEN	Pupils with Special Education Needs
PT	Physical Therapy
RT	Recreation Therapist
SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test
SETRC	Special Education Training Resource Center (for Parents and Teachers)
SI	Speech Impaired
SPE	Speech
SRP	Statewide Reference Point
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TMR	Trainable Mentally Retarded; student with an I.Q. between 35 and 50
VI	Visually Impaired

OPERATIONS, RELATIONS

ADA	Average Daily Attendance
AOE	Approved Operating Expense (for staid aid purposes)
BAN	Bond Anticipation Notes
BEDS	Basic Education Data System; a state education department activity to compile educational data
CAP	Ceiling on Aid
CSIP	Comprehensive School Improvement Plan
CSO	Chief School Officer
DS	District Superintendent (also serves as Chief Executive Office for BOCES)
ERSS	Educationally Related Support Services
ERIC	Educational Resources Information Center
FERPA	Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act of 1974
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
LEA	Local (Leading) Educational Agency
NTE	National Teaching Examination
PINS	Persons In Need of Supervision
PL	Public Law
REGS	Regulations (Abbreviated)
RFP	Request For Proposal
RWADA	Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance used in computing state aid
SDM	Shared Decision-Making
SSI	Social Security Income
TAPU	Total Aidable Pupil Units; used in computing state aid
TWPU	Total Wealth Pupil Units; used in computing state aid
WADA	Weighted Average Daily Attendance

HEALTH and SAFTEY

AHERA	Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act
DEC	Department of Environmental Conservation
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
LUST	Leaking Underground Storage Tanks
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
OSHA	Occupational Safety Health Administration
SOSHA	State Occupational Safety Health Administration

WORDS and TERMS

Assessed Valuation	Value of real property as determined by assessors
Congruence	Link between developmental and remedial programs for common educational plan for learners
Distance learning	Computer assisted instruction with teacher providing lessons to students in remote locations
Emotionally Disabled	Handicapping condition that is determined by a psychologist
Flat Grant	Minimum Apportionment of Aid
Gifted	Student with an I.Q. of 140 or more
Grievance	Defined by contract, but generally a claim of violation of one or more contractual provisions
Grievance Arbitration	Final step in resolving grievance through a neutral; unless designated otherwise, decision binding
Hearing Panel	Three persons to hear and decide on charges made on tenured teacher; one each selected by employer and employee and neutral (selected by other two members)
Individualized Education	Instruction designed to meet a given student's educational needs
Mainstream	Incorporating handicapped student into regular classroom
Mediation	Process using neutral to facilitate agreement between negotiating parties
Quota Pupil	Pupils using transportation system who are countable for state aid purpose
Self-Contained	All academic instruction usually provided on one classroom
Special Education	Instruction of students with mental, physical, emotional handicapping condition or learning disability
Staff Development	Continuous professional growth directly relating to changing program needs
Tenure	Permanent status earned by staff member after completing probationary period. Can be removed only through special provisions of Education Law Section 3020a.
True (Full) Valuation	Value of real property after applying equalization formula determined by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment