



*Frankfort*  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT 157-C**

**Welcome to our  
Board of Education Meeting**



(l-r front) Board Secretary Edie Adamski, Board President Gina Briese, Board Vice President Dr. Brian Sasso, (l-r back) Superintendent Dr. Maura J. Zinni, Board Members Kevin Regas, Tom Reidy, Edith Lutz and Mike Turner.

**VISITOR INFORMATION**

You are always welcome at our Board of Education meetings. Please register and pick up an agenda.

**IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE BACK OF THIS BROCHURE.**

Visitors are recognized by the Board President during the Public Forum portion of the meeting. Groups are requested to appoint a spokesperson and are asked to limit their remarks to five minutes. Thank you for participating in our partnership in education to benefit the children.

**About Frankfort School District 157-C**

This brochure was prepared to provide you with information about our school district and the monthly Board of Education meeting procedures.

We are proud of our schools and their "Tradition of Excellence." Taught by outstanding teachers using current, challenging instructional resources in modern, well-maintained facilities, our students have their own traditions of excellence in academic performance, extracurricular activities and citizenship.



From national recognition of our schools' quality to meeting the high expectations of parents and the community, we continue to seek improvement in fulfilling our mission "to prepare all students

to be confident life-long learners and productive citizens."

In addition to meeting the current expectations of parents and community, we are also focused on planning and preparing for the future.

As science provides new insights into how students learn, technology provides new resources for teaching and educators improve on curricula and instructional methods. Our district continually assesses student needs and adapts the curriculum and programs to keep our schools in the top tier of educational excellence.

[www.fsd157c.org](http://www.fsd157c.org)

**Frankfort School District 157-C  
Administrative Center  
10482 Nebraska Street  
(815) 469-5922**

**Grand Prairie Elementary School  
10480 Nebraska Street  
(815) 469-3366**

**Chelsea Intermediate School  
22265 S. 80th Avenue  
(815) 469-2309**

**Hickory Creek Middle School  
22150 116th Avenue  
(815) 469-4474**

**I wish to speak at this Board meeting.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (for follow-up purposes) \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to speak about: \_\_\_\_\_ agenda item \_\_\_\_\_ non-agenda item

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

I represent: \_\_\_\_\_ myself \_\_\_\_\_ (organization) \_\_\_\_\_

## We encourage your participation



The Board often recognizes student accomplishments. (Above) The Hickory Creek Middle School Show Choir led by Mrs. Leslie Walton performed two songs for Board members, staff and parents in attendance at a Board meeting.

## What is a School Board?

In Illinois, public education is the constitutional responsibility of the state. The authority to govern school districts is delegated to local school boards, within the parameters set by state law. The Board of Education is comprised of seven members, each of whom is elected at-large for a term of four years. The terms are staggered so that in no instance can there be a complete Board turnover. Board members are not paid for their services. Board members act as a whole rather than as individuals. The Board is aware that it represents the people of the school district and is responsible to them and to the state.

## What are the duties of Board of Education members?

The duties and obligations of an individual Board of Education member generally include:

- ◆ To represent the Board of Education and the School District to the public in such a way as to promote interest and support.
- ◆ To set strategy and direction for the educational aims, objectives and goals of District 157-C.
- ◆ To be familiar with District 157-C policies, rules and regulations and, as time permits, the *School Code of Illinois*.
- ◆ To take advantage of training sessions at the local, state or national level for Board members.
- ◆ To vote and act while in the Board of Education meeting impartially for the good of the entire School District.
- ◆ To refer all suggestions and complaints to the Superintendent and/or Board and to refrain from individual counsel and action.
- ◆ To subscribe to the Code of Conduct for members of Board of Education as developed by the Illinois Association of Boards of Education.

## When are meetings held?

Most regular meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Center, 10482 Nebraska Street, in Frankfort, Illinois. The complete meeting schedule for the year may be found at [www.fsd157c.org](http://www.fsd157c.org). The time and place of a meeting can be changed with the consent of the majority of the members of the Board. Special meet-

ings may be called by the President or by any three members of the Board by giving proper notice.

## Are meetings public?

All meetings comply with the requirements of the *Illinois Open Meetings Act* and must take place in public unless the subject matter of the meeting falls within the exceptions provided for closed meetings.

## How are meetings conducted?

Each meeting follows an agenda prepared by the Board President and Superintendent that establishes the sequence of events for the meeting. Extensive background material on agenda items is provided to the Board members prior to each meeting for their study and preparation. The Board President conducts the meeting based on a combination of parliamentary procedure, common sense and common courtesy.

## Will the Board resolve my concern at this meeting?

The Board rarely can be expected to act immediately on an issue brought before it for the first time. Even with more familiar issues, the Board takes action only after it has thoroughly examined all aspects of an issue. You may, however, expect the Board to act as promptly as circumstances allow and to notify you when it arrives at a decision.

*If you need any assistance or adaptive devices to ensure your participation, please contact the District Office, (815) 469-5922, four days prior to the Board meeting.*

## What is the Board and Superintendent relationship?

The Board and Superintendent constitute the management team for the District. The relationship is based on mutual respect for their complementary roles. It requires clear communication of expectations regarding the duties and responsibilities of both the Board and Superintendent.

The Board hires, evaluates and seeks recommendations of the Superintendent as the District chief executive officer. The Board develops policies necessary to provide general direction to achieve District goals. The Superintendent develops the plans, programs and procedures needed to implement the policies and directs the District's day-to-day operations.



*Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Maura J. Zinni*

## Board of Education

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