

BOARD NORMS

Jamestown School District #1

The AdvancED team developed the following goal for the Jamestown Board of Education as part of the External Review:

The Jamestown Public School Board will ensure that the leadership at all levels has the autonomy to meet goals for achievement and instruction and to manage day-to-day operations effectively.

A series of targeted activities to achieve this goal were created including the following:

Norms developed by the board will be reviewed at the beginning of each board meeting and posted prominently in the board room. Board members will be proactive in addressing boardsmanship that deviates from established norms and will self-assess personal adherence to the norms upon the conclusion of each meeting.

At a board retreat on July 23, 2013, the board utilized a model of consensus to create the following board norms. These norms were created as a guideline for the communications and actions of board members. It is the expectation that all board members will govern themselves as well as other board members to ensure adherence to these norms.

At the September 22, 2014 Retreat of the Jamestown Board of Education, the norms were revised and reordered to align with district priorities. Additionally, a formal protocol was established to ensure adherence to the board norms. The board meeting assessment will be monitored quarterly with concerns addressed, as appropriate, by the superintendent and board president.

The board-developed norms are:

Decisions will be based on the board's strategic plan, its mission and what's best for students.

The board will act as stewards of tax dollars.

Board members will complete foundation work to be prepared for meetings.

Meetings will be efficient.

All perspectives will be voiced and heard.

All board members will maintain a professional decorum.