Your First Board Meeting

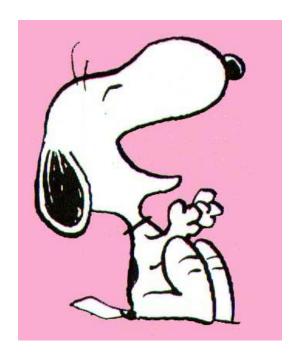
Don't make assumptions!

Do your background work



- Board Policy
- OSBA Information
 - http://www.osba.org/Resources/Article/Board_Operations.
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 - o http://www.osba.org/Programs/BoardDevelopment.aspx
- Review the packet
- Review minutes from last year's meetings
 - O What were the hot topics?
 - Who should I expect to come? (The same unhappy neighbor who always comes? Press? Parent activists?)
- Talk to your executive assistant

If you have extra time



- Books
 - o So Now You're the Superintendent Eller and Carlson
- Periodicals
 - o AASA School Administrator http://aasa.org/home/
 - District Administration
 https://www.districtadministration.com/

Meet with your Board Chair before the meeting



- Tell me how you expect the Board meeting to flow.
- Are there agenda items where I need some more background info?
- Who does what? (My chair just wants me to cover some agenda items without his needing to introduce them).
- Who will make motions?
- Who will second?
- What else should I be asking you?
- When can we meet after the meeting so you can give me feedback and suggestions?

Check your ego at the door.

