

Brand New Professional Development DVDs!

Both new and experienced board members can take advantage of professional development opportunities with VSBA training and informational DVDs dedicated to topics you need to know. We have been hard at work over the last several weeks producing new DVDs and accompanying handouts on the most relevant issues for you as a board member. Each of our DVDs are divided into chapters with full menu capability so you can jump right to the information you need. Watch at home or with your whole board at school. To order, call 800-244-8722 or e-mail Kerri at klamb@vtsba.org.

New School Board Member Package

Great for new members! This extensive package covers all the most important content areas board members must know across the school calendar. You will receive the VSBA Resource Directory, a 134-page comprehensive "user's manual" created to assist board members to understand and carry out the basic board roles and responsibilities. It's easy to use and reference, and contains tips and summaries on dozens of relevant topics your board is likely to encounter. The package also contains five DVDs on four topics:

- **The 3 R's - Roles, Responsibilities, and Relationships:** This DVD condenses all the basics from the Resource Directory and the other DVDs into one concise presentation.
- **Negotiations:** This brand new two-DVD set features three distinct parts. Part 1 covers preparing for negotiations with Associate Director Winton Goodrich and veteran Wallingford board member Ken Fredette in a question and answer format. Part 2 covers insurance benefits and the VSBIT organization with VSBIT director Joe Zimmerman and Randolph board member Laura Soares. Part 3 covers negotiation laws with VSBA Executive Director John Nelson explaining both the mandatory and optional components of collective bargaining that each board should consider.
- **Board Policies:** John Nelson explains the purpose that district policies serve, which are required and optional, and other common questions and concerns regarding policy development and maintenance.
- **Passing the School Budget Under Act 82:** Filmed live on VIT, this DVD features a panel of presenters including Winton Goodrich, Department of Education finance manager Brad James, superintendent Brent Kay, and VSBA legislative analyst David Cyprian who explain the intricacies of preparing, presenting, and passing your budget. James explains the nuances of school funding under Act 60 and Act 68, and Cyprian discusses the special rules and challenges presented by the newly enacted Act 82 two-vote budget process.

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Board Policies: \$20

Passing the School Budget: \$20