

Great Oakland Public Schools

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Our Agenda

The 'what' of school governance

The 'how' of school governance

Role of the public school governance



What does *governance* mean?

- collective judgments and authority
- providing guidance and oversight
- guidance above and removed from direct managerial control
- policy leadership to guide administrative leadership



What does *governance* mean?

Making sure the right systems are in place and functioning well.

Balancing the forces that determine district services

- Community interests & desires
- Legal requirements
- Educational research and best practices
- District capacity



What are the boards responsibilities?

5 Key Responsibilities of Boards

- Direction
- Structure
- Support
- Accountability
- Community Advocacy and Support



What makes an effective board?

4 Attributes of Effective Governance

Unity of Purpose

Role

Culture

Structure



Role

The board's value-driven work:
core values, mission, vision, &
priorities.

The work of the staff:
student success and
district improvement.

Board Policies

Administrative Regulations & Rules

Note: If the work of
the board gets too
close to the work of
the superintendent, its
ability to leverage is
weakened.

Work of the
superintendent
Focusing the staff's
efforts on district goals.

As the work gets closer
to the work of increasing
student achievement,
the board's value driven
work becomes *more*
effective.



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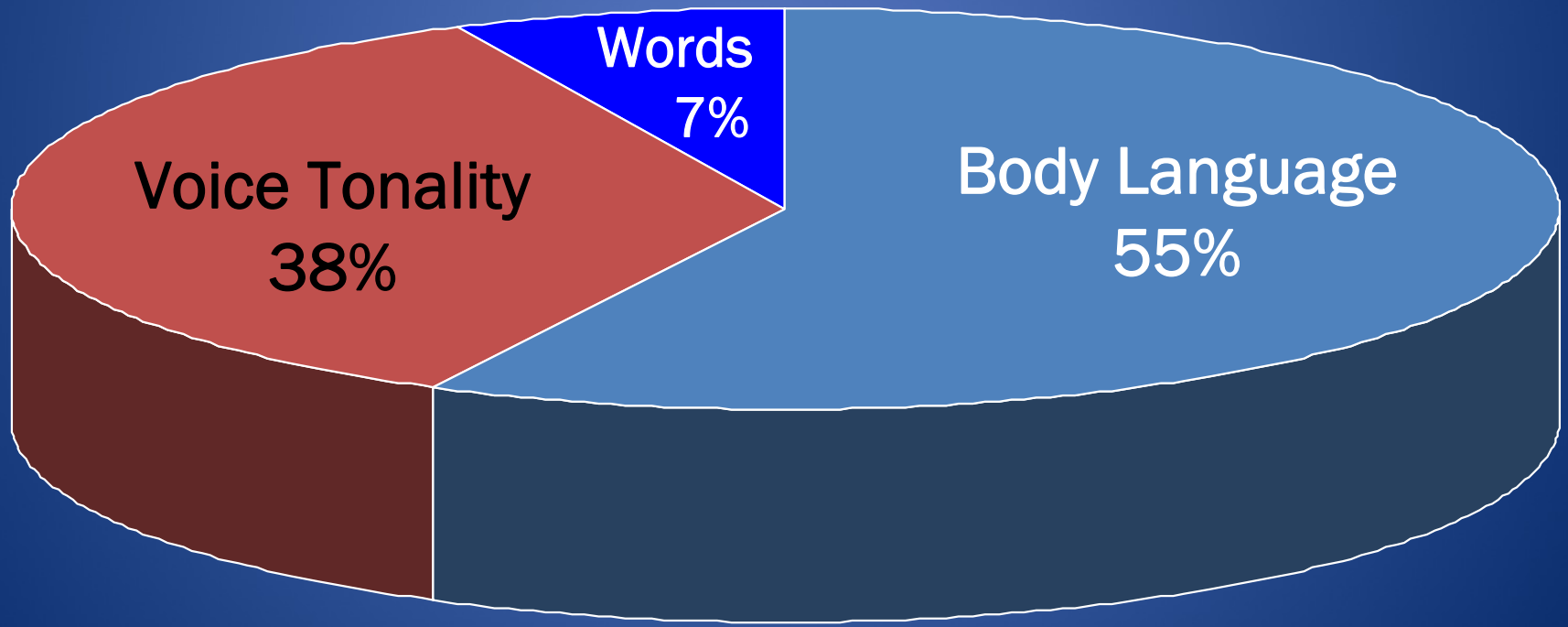
What makes an effective board member?

4 Key Attributes:

1. Preparation
2. Focus
3. Mindfulness
3. Manner



Communication is both verbal and nonverbal



The public role in school governance?

Participate in the election

Attend meetings

Offer to help



4 + 4 + 5

4 characteristics of effective trustees

4 characteristics of effective boards

5 responsibilities of the board



