

As you all may remember, when the board conducted its annual self-evaluation last spring, it set goals for this school year. One of the goals was to educate the community on the roles and responsibilities of the school board.

We are five elected school board members, each elected from a county supervisorial district and serve with our student board members on two elected boards, the Amador County Unified School District Board of Trustees and the Amador County Office of Education Board of Trustees.

These are two separate roles with some similar and some very different responsibilities.

The similar responsibilities of the ACUSD Board and ACOE Board roles are: actively listening to public comments, approving the joint LCAP, adopting board policies, adopting the annual budget for each agency, supporting and promoting increased student achievement, advocating with state representatives, communicating with community and fulfilling legal obligations.

The differences are clear cut.

The School District or ACUSD superintendent is hired as the one employee of the ACUSD Board of Trustees, and through a confidential search process is evaluated by the ACUSD Board. District expenses, personnel recommendations, bargaining with labor groups, budget cuts and future district direction must be discussed and approved by the board at a regular board meeting.

The County Office of Education or ACOE superintendent is elected and responsible to the people; he is **not** evaluated by the Board. His salary is set by the County Office of Education Board. Once the County Office of Education annual budget is approved by the board, the County Office Superintendent must work within those budgeted parameters. Personnel decisions, bargaining with labor groups and budget cuts are the sole responsibility of the County Office Superintendent. He is required to record his decisions on the Amador County of Education board meeting agendas.