

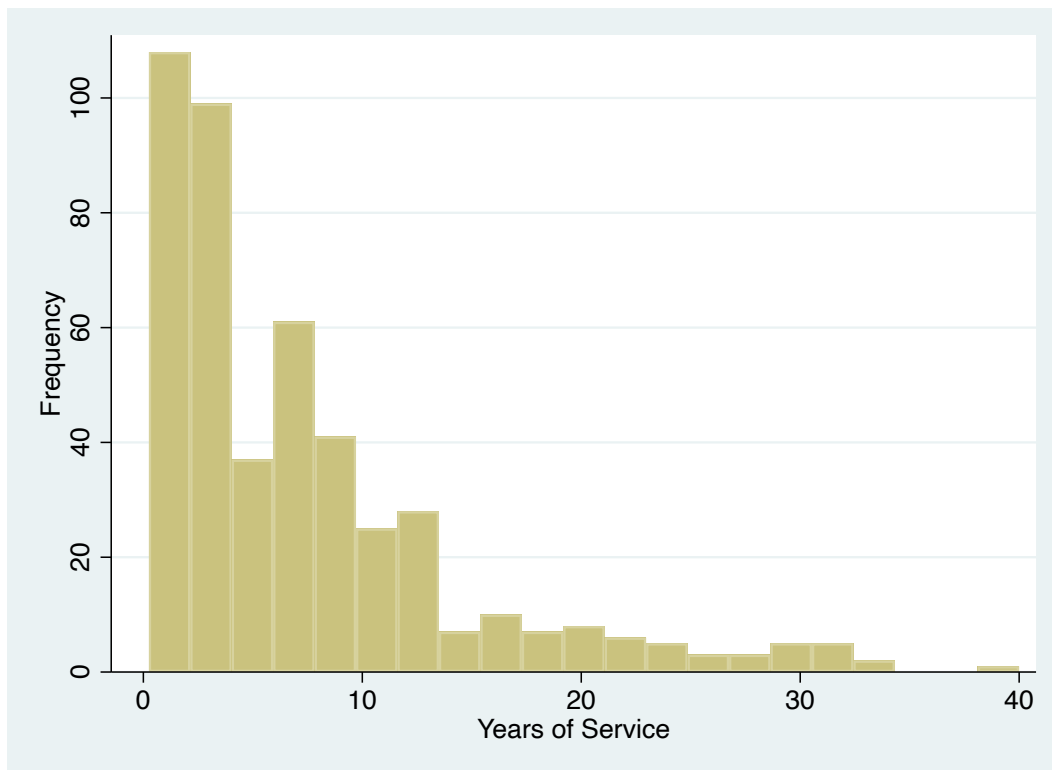
## National School Board Survey Conducted Via Email in February/March of 2024 N=604<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. How many years have you served in your current position?

- Average: 7.39 Years



### 2. Does your school board use a formal governance model?

Yes	69.13%
No	9.78%
Unsure	20.65%

<sup>1</sup> Email addresses for a national sample of school board members was generously provided by Ballotpedia: <https://ballotpedia.org/>.

**3. In your last election were you endorsed by any of the following groups (Please select all that apply)?**

	All Respondents	Endorsed Candidates Only
Republican Party	7.2%	16.0%
Democratic Party	14.8%	33.0%
Teachers Union	19.1%	42.7%
Moms for Liberty	1.7%	3.9%
Other Organized Labor	10.0%	22.3%
Other	23.2%	51.9%
None	55.3%	N/A

**4. Were any of the following groups active in your school board's most recent election (Please select all that apply)?**

	All Respondents	Respondents who Reported Activity
Republican Party	24.5%	52.6%
Democratic Party	21.3%	45.6%
Teachers Union	24.9%	53.5%
Moms for Liberty	12.8%	27.4%
Other Organized Labor	7.4%	15.8%
Other	13.9%	29.9%
None	46.4%	

**5. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding your school board? 1=Strong Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither Agree nor Disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree**

Conflict among some school board members is high	2.40
Cooperation among school board members is high	4.06
Disagreements between board members often become personalized	2.33
Conflict over issues on the school board usually results in a clear solution to the problem	3.48
School board coalitions (two or more individual members joining forces) tend to form along predictable lines (e.g. political party, male/female, race/ethnicity, etc. Please share the nature of the predictable lines below)	2.82
During board negotiations, prior conflicts often resurface	2.52
Board decisions are supported by all members once made	3.75
Members understand their role	3.58
The board and superintendent/district administrator are partners in the governance process	4.20

**6. Are your school board's elections officially non-partisan (I.e., you do not run under a party label)?**

Yes	90.00%
No	10.00%

**7. Do you support keeping your elections non-partisan? Why or why not?**

Yes	91.25%
No	4.66%
Unsure	4.08%

**8. To what extent do the following statements describe the members of your school board? 1=Strong Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither Agree nor Disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree**

Members take responsibility for past decisions	3.39
Members freely admit when they are wrong	2.94
Members can take each other at their word	3.49
Members do what they say they will do	3.67
Members willingly try new things without fear of ridicule	3.23
Members willingly try new things without fear of retribution	3.36
Members are open about how they feel about other members' preferences	3.35
Members are open about their own preferences	3.85

**9. Using the continuum below, indicate who bears responsibility for the following organizational functions, where:**

- - 5 means the Board is fully responsible for the function;
- 0 means the Board and Superintendent/District Administrator equally share responsibility for the function; and
- 5 means the Superintendent/District Administrator is fully responsible for the function.

Day to day operational management	4.56
Financial oversight	-0.19
Strategic planning	0.63
Public relations	1.92
Program evaluation	2.24
Raising student outcomes	1.86
Public advocacy	0.06

### 10. What is your sex?

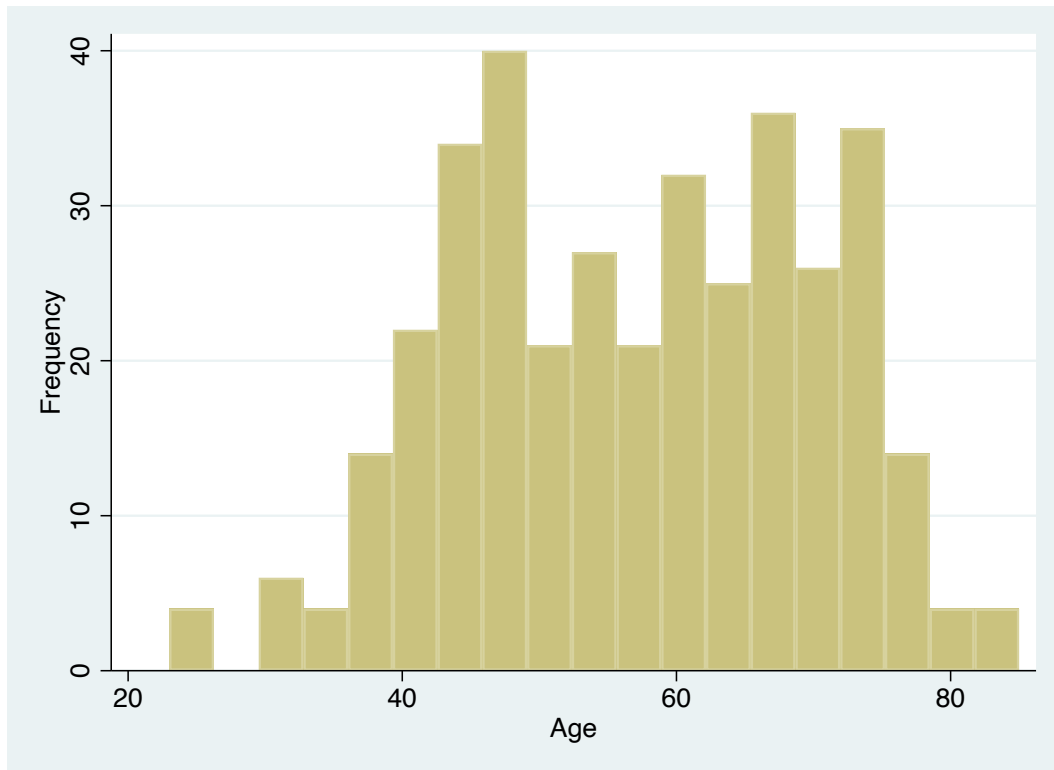
Male	48.45%
Female	49.23%
Prefer Not to Say	2.32%

### 11. Which best describes your race?

White	81.49%
African-American or Black	4.37%
Hispanic or Latino/a	4.88%
Asian-American or Pacific-Islander	1.80%
American-Indian or Alaskan-Native	0.26%
Multi-racial	2.06%
Other	1.29%
Prefer Not to Say	3.86%

### 12. What is your age?

- Average: 57.0



**13. Would you identify yourself as:**

Conservative	27.76%
Liberal	29.82%
Moderate	35.73%
Prefer not to say	6.68%

**14. Do you share political beliefs with:**

All of your school board members	9.82%
Some of your school board members	72.87%
None of your school board members	7.75%
Not sure/Prefer not to say	9.56%