

Berne Knox Westerlo Agriculture Advisory Board

*Members of the agricultural education advisory board play an important and necessary role in the development of a successful agricultural education program. Members must also understand from the beginning that **the board has no administrative policy-making or legislative authority.***

A well-functioning advisory board will-

Instruction:

- Identify the most recent educational and employment trends in specific businesses and industries, and suggest those agricultural education programs needed to provide preparation for job in the community.
- Provide advice about curricula content and equipment.
- Investigate the types of facilities and equipment currently used in business and industry.
- Research and explain technical information.
- Inform school personnel of changes in the labor market.
- Recommend resource personnel, guest speakers, instructors and/or visit sites.

Work Experience:

- Identify places for job shadowing and SAE opportunities.
- Provide advice on policies for internships and cooperative work programs.

FFA:

- Serve as judges for local awards and CDEs (contests)
- Help plan special events: competitions, leadership seminars, banquets and other social occasions.

Support:

- Suggest and support local, state and national action regarding agricultural education programs: attend legislative meetings, write letters and promote agricultural education programs when needed.
- Encourage cooperation and a better understanding of agricultural education programs among employers, students and the general public.
- Serve as a communication link with in the community.