

Community Relations

Governing Board Meetings

Meetings of the Board are conducted for the purpose of carrying on the business of the schools, and therefore are not public meetings, but meetings held in public.

Regular meetings shall be held as constituted by board bylaws in the board room of the Education Center. Any change in the location of a regular board meeting shall require the majority approval of the Board of Education. (cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

Each board member receives a copy of the board meeting agenda a few days before the meeting. This agenda is compiled by the Superintendent, and lists items in the following order: (cf. 9323.1 - Order of Business)

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| 1. Opening Ceremonies | 6. Discussion |
| 2. Consent Agenda | 7. Reports |
| 3. Student and School Representatives | 8. Closed Session |
| 4. Communications/Courtesy to Visitors | 9. Adjournment |
| 5. Action | |

Changes in agenda format may be made by the Superintendent and/or Board. Upon the request of any Board member, a change in agenda format may be approved by a majority vote of the Board.

In accord with its policy confirming the right and desirability of the public expressing its point of view to the Board, delegations or individuals are welcome at regular meetings, subject to the following regulations designed to expedite deliberations and provide for full consideration of problems and questions: (cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

1. Citizen's opinions on board issues are welcome and anyone wishing to speak impromptu at a board meeting should identify him/herself before he/she is recognized by the Board Chair.

In order that proper attention may be given each item on the agenda, individuals shall limit their presentation to five minutes.

2. Action may not be taken on a non-agenda item.
3. Matters concerning an individual school shall be discussed first with the principal of that school.

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- a. Questions and problems must be submitted in writing at least one week in advance of the meeting.
 - b. Delegates shall indicate whom they represent and shall be asked to comment on their questions or problems.
 - c. The Board will take questions and problems under advisement and issue responses after due deliberation, usually at the next meeting.
 - d. If questions or problems relate to personalities, the Board may go into closed session to receive such presentations.
4. Individuals or delegations wishing to present petitions or communications to the Board shall do so in the following manner.
- a. Communications and petitions must be submitted in writing to the Superintendent at least one week prior to the meeting so that they may be duplicated and given to board members in the agenda materials.
 - b. At the board meeting, delegates shall indicate whom they represent and shall be asked to comment on their questions or problems.
 - c. The Board will take questions and problems under advisement and issue responses after due deliberations, usually at the next meeting.
 - d. If questions or problems relate to personalities, the Board may go into closed session to receive such presentations.