

## **MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board meetings will be scheduled in compliance with the law and as deemed by the Board to be in the best interests of the district and community. The Board will function through (1) regular meetings, (2) special meetings, and (3) emergency meetings.

### **Open Meetings**

All meetings of the Board, with the exception of executive sessions and closed meetings, will be open to the public and must be advertised as meetings that are open to the public.

### **Regular Business Meetings**

Regular business meetings shall be held at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month, except December, when the meeting shall be held on the third Monday of the month. Meetings will be held in the District Meeting Room, located in the portable classroom building next to TEAM High School, or at other times and places as determined by the presiding officer or by a majority vote of the Board. If regular meetings are to be held at places other than the District Meeting Room, or are scheduled or adjourned to times other than a regular meeting time, notice of the meeting shall be made in the same manner as provided for special meetings. All regular meetings of the Board shall be held within the district boundaries. When a regular meeting date falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be rescheduled.

### **Regular Study Sessions**

The purpose of Regular Study Sessions is to engage in in-depth study of topics related to student learning, budget and resource allocation, improvement strategy, and topics related to ensuring active progress toward accomplishing the Board's vision. Study sessions may also include approval of a consent agenda to ensure the business functions of the school district are transacted in a timely fashion.

Regular study sessions shall be held at 5:30 pm on the second Monday of each month except December. Meetings will be held in the District Meeting Room, located in the portable classroom building next to TEAM High School, or at other times and places as determined by the presiding officer or by a majority vote of the Board. If regular meetings are to be held at places other than the District Meeting Room, or are scheduled or adjourned to times other than a regular meeting time, notice of the meeting shall be made in the same manner as provided for special meetings. All regular meetings of the Board shall be held within the district boundaries. When a regular study session date falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be rescheduled.

### **Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called by the President or on a petition of a majority of the Board members. A written notice of a special meeting, stating the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. Written notice shall also be sent not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting to each newspaper and radio or television station that has filed a written

request for such notices. Written notice shall be by hand-delivery, US Mail, Facsimile, or electronic mail. The notice must be posted on the district's website.

The district must also prominently display the notice at the main entrance of the district's headquarters as well as at the location of the meeting if the meeting is held at a location other than the headquarters.

All required notices must be delivered or posted not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

The written notice requirement will be deemed waived if a member:

1. Submits a written waiver of notice to the Board secretary at or prior to the time the meeting convenes. The waiver may be given by telegram, fax, or electronic mail; or
2. Is actually present at the time the meeting convenes.
3. Final disposition shall not be taken on any matter other than those items stated in the meeting notice.

### **Executive Sessions**

Executive Sessions may be held during a regular or special meeting for purposes defined in RCW 42.30.110. These shall include:

1. (1)(b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price;
2. (1)(c) To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
3. (1)(d) To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs;
4. (1)(f) To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge;
5. (1)(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
6. (1)(h) To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public;
7. (1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation

or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Before convening in executive session, the presiding officer of a governing body shall publicly announce and cause to be recorded in the meeting minutes the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place (e.g., RCW 42.30.110(1)(f)), and the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be extended to a stated later time by announcement of the presiding officer. If an item is to be discussed in executive session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110, the item of business must also appear on the agenda if final action is to be taken following the executive session.

### **Closed Meetings**

As authorized in RCW 42.30.140 the Board may meet in a closed session. Closed sessions are exempt from the posting public posting requirements of this policy. The purpose of closed sessions is limited to:

1. That portion of a meeting of a quasi-judicial body which relates to a quasi-judicial matter between named parties as distinguished from a matter having general effect on the public or on a class or group; or
2. Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

### **Emergency Meetings**

In the event of an emergency involving fire, flood, earthquake, possible personal injury or property damage, the Board may meet immediately and take official action without prior notification.

### **Public Notice**

All meetings shall be open to the public with the exception of executive sessions and closed sessions authorized by law. Final action resulting from executive session discussions will be taken during a meeting open to the public as required by law.

Public notice shall be properly given for any regular or special meeting; whenever a regular meeting is adjourned to another time; or when a regular meeting is to be held at a place other than the District Meeting Room Portable.

The notice of the meeting must also be posted on the district's website, the door of the main offices and the door at the location of the meeting if it is different than the district's offices.

All public notices of Board meetings should inform persons with disabilities that they may contact the superintendent's office no later than three days before a regular meeting and as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so that special arrangements can be made for them to participate in Board meetings.

Should the Board recess a regular, special or recessed meeting to a specific future time notice of such a recess and continuation must be posted at or near the door of the meeting room. Notification to the press is not required.

No meeting notice is required when the Board is meeting in closed session: when it is acting as a quasi-judicial body in a matter between named parties (e.g., hearing on discharge, non-renewal or discipline of an employee, unless the employee requests a public meeting; hearing regarding suspension or expulsion of a student, unless the student requests a public meeting) or for the purpose of planning or adopting strategy or positions to be taken in collective bargaining, grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing such proposals made by a bargaining unit.

During the interim between meetings, the office of the superintendent, as Board secretary, shall be the office of the Board. The district's public records shall be open for inspection in the manner provided by and subject to the limitation of the law.

### **Quorum**

Three Board members shall be considered as constituting a quorum for the transaction of business

### **Meeting Conduct and Order of Business**

All Board meetings will be conducted in an orderly and business-like manner using Roberts Rules of Order (Revised) as a guide, except when such rules are superseded by Board bylaws or policies.

The Board secretary shall be responsible for preparing the proposed agenda for each meeting, in consultation with the President. Copies of the agenda, minutes of the previous meeting and relevant supplementary information will be delivered to each Board member at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting and will be available online to any interested citizen. A typical agenda will take the following form:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Citizens Request to Address the Board on Non-Agenda Items
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Reports to the Board
5. Correspondence
6. Board Reports, Requests, and Comments
7. Discussion Items
8. Consent Agenda
9. Action Items
10. Executive Session

### **Consent Agenda**

To expedite business at a school Board meeting, the Board approves the use of a consent agenda which includes those items considered to be routine in nature. The consent agenda will appear on the regular agenda under action items. Some examples of items that may be included on a consent agenda are:

1. Accounts Payable
2. Approval of Travel Requests
3. Approval of Personnel Actions

Any item that appears on the consent agenda may be removed by a member of the Board. Board members will make every attempt to notify the superintendent prior to the meeting of their request to remove any personnel items from the consent agenda to be discussed in executive session. The consent agenda will then be revised to reflect that removal prior to the meeting. Board members reserve the right to remove at the meeting, any or all personnel issues to executive session. The remaining items will be voted on by a single motion. The approved motion will be recorded in the minutes, including a listing of all items appearing on the consent agenda.

The order of business will be indicated in the agenda. Any additions or changes in the prepared agenda may be requested by the superintendent or a Board member and must be approved by the Board President or a majority vote of the Board members present. At a special meeting, final action may be taken only on that business contained in the notice of the special meeting.

Board members are not required to be physically present to attend a Board meeting. Any or all Board members may attend a Board meeting and vote via any communication platform— including video conference or teleconference-- that provides, at a minimum, simultaneous aural communication between those present, provided: 1) the meeting is properly noticed with any required passwords or authorization codes; 2) the meeting is accessible to the public; 3) the meeting accommodates any member of the public who wishes to participate and 4) the communication platform is generally known and accessible to the public.

Votes on motions and resolutions shall be by oral roll call vote. No action shall be taken by secret ballot at any meeting required to be open to the public.

An oral roll call vote of all the members of the Board is required for the election of Board officers, filling a vacancy on the Board, or for the selection of the school district superintendent, and a majority vote of all the members of the Board is required for any person to be elected or selected for such positions.

During Board meetings, Board members will refrain from communicating electronically (e.g., by email, text, social media) with their fellow Board members.

### **Executive Sessions**

Before convening in executive session, the President shall publicly announce the general purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place and the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be extended to a stated later time by announcement of the President.

An executive session may be conducted for one or more of the following purposes:

- A. To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price;
- B. To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price; however, the final action of selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
- C. To review negotiations on the performance of publicly-bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs;
- D. To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a director or staff member; however, upon the request of such director or staff member, a public hearing or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted on such complaint or charge;
- E. To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a staff member; however, discussion of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the district shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when the Board elects to take the final action of hiring, setting the salary of an individual staff member or class of staff members, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
- F. To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to the Board; however, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to the Board shall be in a meeting open to the public; or
- G. To discuss with legal counsel representing the district matters relating to district enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the district litigation or potential litigation to which the district, the Board, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the district.

### **Closed Sessions**

The Open Public Meetings Act does not apply to certain Board activities, and public notice is not required prior to holding a closed session for any of the following purposes:

- A. Consideration of a quasi-judicial matter between named parties as distinguished from a matter having a general effect on the public or a class or group; or
- B. Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement, or when the Board is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken during the course of collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

### **Public Comment**

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings. Both written and oral comment will be accepted.

In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board will provide time during which visitors may present to the Board. If possible, such presentations should be scheduled in advance. Any member of the public will refrain from making any comment until after the Board President recognizes him or her.

Individuals, after being recognized by the Board President will proceed to make comments within the time limits established by the Board President, which shall not be less than 3 minutes. The President may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant. The Board as a whole has the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

- A. Public comment on non-agenda items: All members of the public wishing to make a comment to the Board on items not listed on the agenda will be asked to sign in prior to the Board meeting so they may be recognized by the Board President prior to making public comment. Individuals who do not wish to identify themselves may use a pseudonym.
- B. Public comment on agenda items: The Board will also allow members of the public to comment on items listed on the agenda as Discussion Items or Action Items. Such comment shall occur after the presentation of that item and prior to any Board action. Any representative of a firm eligible to bid on materials or services solicited by the Board will also be entitled to express an opinion.

Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting should contact the superintendent's office no later than three days before a regular meeting and as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so that arrangements for the modification can be made.

Cross References:	Board Policy 1220	Board Officers and Duties of Board
	Board Policy 6215	Members
	Board Policy 6020	Voucher Certification and Approval System of Funds and Accounts
Legal References:	RCW 28A.343.390	Directors--Quorum--Failure to attend meetings
	RCW 28A.343.370	Directors--Filling vacancies
	RCW 28A.320.040	Directors--Bylaws
	RCW 28A.330.020	Certain Board elections, manner and vote required
	RCW 42.30	Open Public Meetings Act
	RCW 28A.343.380	Directors--Meetings
	RCW 28A.330.070	Office of Board--Records available for public inspection
	United States Code, Title 43" 12101-12213	Americans with Disabilities Act

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