GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings of the Governing Board are conducted for the purpose of accomplishing district business. As a matter of district policy and state law, meetings shall ordinarily be held in public. The Board may conduct closed meeting sessions to discuss certain matters which are confidential.

(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)

The Board encourages community involvement in the schools as an essential element of effective schools. The Board and administration welcome input of parents/guardians and interested community members on Board agenda items.

Board meetings shall be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and with Board Bylaws adopted by the Board to govern its actions and the actions of individual Board members.

(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices) (cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials) (cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct) (cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE 78 "Governing board" defined 35144 Special meetings 35145 Public meetings 35145.5 Agenda; public participation; regulations 35146 Closed sessions 52034 Reasonable opportunities for each school site council or its representatives to meet with governing board (c)GOVERNMENT CODE 54950-54962 Meetings, especially 54951 Local agency, definition 54953 Meetings to be open and public; attendance 54954 Time and place of regular meeting; holidays, emergencies 54954.3 Agenda item allowing public input 54956 Special meetings; call; notice 54956.5 Special meeting in emergency situation 54957 Closed session 54960.1 Board actions; challenges

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