



Know More About: Our Board Agenda

Closed Session:

This portion of the meeting is not open to the public. At this time, the Board may discuss only items allowed to be considered in Closed Session, per the Brown Act, such as personnel matters, negotiations, student discipline, property matters and pending litigation. Any action taken in closed session must be reported out in open session.

Open Session:

The open/public portion of the meeting

Public Comment:

This is the opportunity for the public to comment on items on the Board Agenda, the board listens, but cannot engage in discussion per code.

Hearing:

A public hearing is designed to protect personal interests by permitting citizens to voice their position on an issue at hand. The Government Code prescribes the manner in which the hearing is to be conducted and what regular items must have a hearing.

Information Items:

Items presented to the board for information. Sometimes there will be associated action items later on in the meeting.

Action Items:

Presented for review prior to Board action. The Board votes on these items during the meeting unless they are continued to a future meeting. Most action items are annual requirements for school district operations. Some action items will be resolutions of celebration or acknowledgement, e.g. Arts in Education Month or Teacher Appreciation.

Consent Calendar:

Items that are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. No discussion of these items will be held prior to the time the Board considers the motion unless an item is requested to be discussed or removed.

Reports:

Allows individual Board members, Union presidents, Principals & Superintendent to share comments, concerns, and observations.

The Brown Act:

All local legislative bodies are governed by The Ralph M. Brown Act (CA Government Code section 54950 through 54962) which guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. All regular meeting agendas are posted at least 72 hours in advance at the District Office and at www.busd.org. Board packets with overviews of the agenda items and backup materials are available for review at the District Office and posted to <https://www.busd.org/boardpackets>