

Procedure - Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum

The district must advertise all meetings, including study sessions and retreats, as meetings that are open to the public.

If a board wishes to devote all or most of a special meeting to an issue(s) to be discussed in executive session (Policy 1410), the special meeting should be called to order and recessed to an executive session. The purpose of the executive session should be announced and recorded in the minutes (e.g., real estate matters, litigation).

All regular meetings must be held within the district boundaries. Special meetings may be held outside the district with proper notice of the time and location.

Meeting Notices

All public notices of board meetings should inform persons with disabilities that they may contact the superintendent's office, so that the district can arrange for them to participate in board meetings. A regular meeting does not require a public notice if held at the time and place provided by board policy. If the board does not meet at its regular location, the meeting should be treated as a special meeting with proper notice to the press stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

For special meetings, a district is required to notify those newspapers and radio and television stations that have filed a request for such notification. The districts must also provide written notice and a printed or electronic copy of the agenda to each school director 24 hours prior to the meeting. Notice to a director is deemed waived if the director files a written notice of waiver with the board secretary before or at the time of the commencement of the meeting or by the director's actual attendance at the meeting.

The district must also post notice of the meeting on the district's website, the door of the main district offices and the door at the location of the meeting if it is different from the district's offices. The district does not have to post on its website if it: (1) doesn't have one; (2) employs fewer than ten full-time equivalent employees; or (3) does not have an employee whose job description or employment contract provides a duty to maintain or update the website.

At a special meeting, the board may discuss items that were not on the original agenda, but the board cannot take final action on any topics that were not identified on the original agenda.

If the board is to discuss an item in executive session in accordance with Policy 1410, the item of business must also appear on the agenda if final action is to be taken following the executive session.

No meeting notice is required when the board is acting as a quasi-judicial body in a matter between named parties (e.g., hearing on discharge, nonrenewal or discipline of an employee, unless the employee requests a public meeting; hearing regarding suspension or expulsion of a student) 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.

Meeting Recess and Continuation

The board may 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.

Community Participation at Board Meetings

Prior to the start of the meeting and at the discretion of the chair, the following may be read aloud: We welcome your comments. It is important that members of the public understand how public participation at Board meetings will occur.

Purpose of Board Meetings: Regularly scheduled Board meetings are meetings of the Board to facilitate discussion between board members, the superintendent, and the superintendent's designees. While the Board meetings are held in public, they are different than community hearings or public forums, they limit public participation to the public comment section of the agenda.

- The opportunity for public to comment on specific items appears on the Board agenda of all regular business meetings. For matters not directly related to the work of the Board or items on the agenda, please contact the Superintendent.
- The board requires that those who speak be either parents or guardians, residents, or employees of the Chimacum School District, or the legal counsel representing such residents or employees.
- Comments are limited to three minutes. Public comment is not a formal or extended presentation to the board. Please refrain from making comments about any specific Staff member by name. If the presenter would like the board to have more information, written comments can be submitted to the Executive Secretary or Superintendent designee.
- The Board will not enter into dialogue with community members during the comment period. It is an opportunity for the Board to hear from community members, but not to enter into policy or program discussions. For matters of the day-to-day operation of the district such as policy, curriculum, academic standards, etc., the public is invited and encouraged to contact our Superintendent directly.

Chimacum School District

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