

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the conduct of board meetings.

All board meetings will be conducted in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. All board meetings, except for periods in which the board is in executive sessions, are open to the public.

The board holds its organizational meeting on the first Monday in December. The board swears in new members, elects officers and swears in those officers at the meeting.

Regular board meetings

The board holds its regular meeting of the board on the first Monday of each month. The meeting will be held at the district office or at a place within the district that the board finds suitable and convenient. The regularly scheduled time will be 6:00 p.m. There is no meeting held in July.

In unusual circumstances, the board may change the time and place of the regular meeting, or any regular meeting, upon approval by the board.

Work sessions

From time to time the board may meet in work sessions. The purpose of these sessions will be for the board to have opportunities for planning and discussion without formal action. Topics for discussion will be announced publicly, and sessions will be conducted in accordance with state law.

Special meetings

The chairperson of the board or a majority of members of the board may call a special meeting of the full board. The superintendent should give at least 48 hours notice to all members of the board and the public except when emergency conditions make such notice impossible. The board will not transact any business other than that which is stated in the notice.

Public hearings

The board may conduct public hearings from time to time in order for the public to express their views regarding a specific issue. The board will conduct such meetings in an orderly manner in accordance with board policy and regulation.

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Legal references:

A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 24-25-60 – Board to elect officers; terms; meetings; compensation.