

BOARD MEETING PROCEDURES, NOTICE AND AGENDA

Quorum

A quorum will consist of the majority of the Board members.

Vote Needed for Exercise of Powers

The affirmative vote of a majority of Board members will be necessary for exercising any of the Board's powers or transacting any business.

Board Member Voting

Each member's vote on all motions will be recorded in the minutes. Individual votes on motions and/or resolutions will be verbally indicated with an affirmative or dissenting vote and the result of each member's dissenting vote will be recorded by name.

Abstaining from Vote

Board members must vote on all properly agendized items, except when required to abstain as outlined in NRS 281, 281A and LCSD Board Policy GBBH: Employment of Relatives. A Board member must abstain only in a clear case where the independence of judgment of a reasonable person would be materially affected by the conflict. If a Board member is required to abstain from voting, such abstention will be recorded along with the disclosure describing the nature and extent of the abstention.

Parliamentary Procedure

Official Board business will be transacted by motion or resolution at duly called regular or special meetings.

Except as otherwise provided by state law and/or Board policy, the rules of parliamentary procedure comprised in the latest version of Robert's Rules of Order will govern the Board in its deliberation.

The President will decide all questions relative to points of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

NOTIFICATION OF BOARD MEETINGS

The Board will give public notice of board meetings to interested persons, including those with disabilities, of the time and place for regular meetings, and of the principal subjects to be considered and subject to open meeting law.

Notices to individuals with disabilities shall be given in an appropriate form upon request and with appropriate advance notice. Auxiliary aids and services available to ensure equally effective communications with qualified persons with disabilities may include large print, Braille, audio recordings and readers. Primary consideration will be given to the requests of the person with a disability in the selection of appropriate auxiliary aids and services.

Special meetings may be convened by order of the President, upon request of three Board members or by common consent of Board members. No special meeting will be held without a three working days notice to Board members and the general public except in cases of emergency.

In an emergency, a meeting may be held with notice as is appropriate under the circumstances. The minutes of the meeting will describe the nature of the emergency. No business other than that related to the emergency will be discussed at these meetings.

Dates of regular Board meetings will be provided to district employees, interested members of the public and the news media. The master calendar of all board meetings will be maintained on the District website (www.lyoncsd.org).

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

The Board President, along with the superintendent, will prepare an agenda for all regular meetings of the Board. Items of business may be suggested by any Board member, staff member, student, or citizen of the district by notifying the superintendent at least ten working days prior to the meeting or during a regularly scheduled meeting.

A consent agenda may be used by the Board for non-controversial business. The consent agenda will consist of routine business that requires action but not necessarily discussion. These items may all be approved at the same time. A Board member may ask that any item (with the exception of Personnel Reports) be removed from the consent agenda for any reason. The removed item will then be discussed and voted on separately following approval of the consent agenda.

Personnel Reports will only be pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately if it is required to comply with the provisions of NRS 281.210 and Board Policy GBBH (Employment of Relatives).

Consent Agenda items will include, but are not limited to:

- Student Disciplinary Action
- Immunization Exemptions
- Request for Early Graduation or requests to take the General Education Development (GED) test
- Requests for additional days from the Employee Sick Leave Bank
- Board Correspondence
- Monthly reports on enrollment, budget, grants and Information Technology
- Out-of-state travel requests and travel reports
- Personnel Reports, including District Extra Duty Contracts
- Monthly financial claims and check register

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- Donations – Donations will be considered a consent agenda item but will be voted on separately to allow the Board to publicly acknowledge the donor

The agenda will follow a general order established by the Board. Opportunities for the public to be heard will be included prior to the Consent Agenda and at the end of the Regular Agenda. The Board will follow the order of business set up by the agenda unless the order is altered by a consensus of the Board.

The agenda, together with supporting materials, will be distributed to Board members at least three full working days prior to the meeting. The agenda will be available to the press and to the public through the superintendent's office at the same time it is available to the Board members. Request for mailing must be submitted to the superintendent's office in writing. Copies of the agenda for the press and public will not contain any confidential information included in the Board members' packets.

A copy of the agenda will be posted in each school facility, the official website of the State of Nevada (<http://nv.gov>) and the district web site (www.lyoncsd.org) three working days prior to the meeting per open meeting law.

The District will ensure equally effective communications are provided to qualified persons with disabilities upon request as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

CONDUCT OF BOARD MEETINGS

The rules of parliamentary procedure contained in the latest version of *Robert's Rules of Order* will govern the Board in its deliberations. Discussion by Board members will be unlimited as long as it applies to the motion before the Board or the matter under consideration. The Board may vote to limit discussion and the President will confine discussion to the matter before the Board. In order for action to be taken on an item there must be a motion and a second. The President may limit the time of any citizen appearing before the Board so that all who wish to be heard may have the opportunity.

Except in an emergency that impacts the school district, the board of trustees shall not take any action or corrective action at a regular meeting or special meeting on an item that has been posted on its agenda pursuant to chapter 241 of NRS after 11:59 p.m. on the day of the meeting. There are limited exceptions to this outlined in NRS 386.330. "Emergency" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 241.020.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

The Board secretary will take written minutes of all Board meetings. The minutes will include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. All members of the Board who were present;
2. All motions, proposals, resolutions, orders and measures proposed and their disposition;

3. The results of all votes and the dissenting vote of each member by name;
4. The substance of any discussion on any matter;
5. Any other information required by law.

All minutes shall be available to the public per requirements of Nevada's Open Meeting Law. The public and patrons of the district may receive, upon request, copies of approved current minutes at the administration office. Minutes need not be approved by the Board prior to being available to the public. A copy of the minutes of each regular and special Board meeting as they are drafted for approval will be distributed after such meeting to each Board member and superintendent.

The District will maintain and make available to staff and other interested patrons an updated copy of the meeting minutes.

Closed Sessions:

The Board may meet in closed session to discuss subjects allowed by statute per NRS 241. Closed sessions may be held during regular, special, or emergency meetings for any reason permitted by law. Content discussed in closed sessions is confidential.

If a closed session is held regarding a student matter, the following shall not be made public: the name of the minor student; the issue, including a student's confidential medical records and that student's educational program; the discussion; and each Board member's vote on the issue.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

All Board meetings, with the exception of closed sessions, will be open to the public. The Board invites district citizens to attend Board meetings to become acquainted with the program and operation of the district. Members of the public also are encouraged to share their ideas and opinions with the Board when appropriate.

It is the intent of the Board to ensure communications with individuals with disabilities are as effective as communications with others. Individuals with hearing, vision or speech impairments will be given an equal opportunity to participate in Board meetings.

Auxiliary aids and services for persons with disabilities will be available at no charge to the individual. All auxiliary aids and/or service requests must be made with appropriate advance notice. Should the Board demonstrate such requests would result in a fundamental alteration in the service, program or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens, alternative, equally effective means of communication will be used.

Procedures for Public Participation in Meetings

During an open session of a Board meeting, members of the public are specifically

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invited to present concerns and/or praise during the public comment portion of the agenda. Public speakers will identify themselves for inclusion in the minutes.

At the discretion of the Board President, anyone wishing to speak before the Board, either as an individual or as a member of a group, on any agenda item or other topic, may do so by coming forward DURING PUBLIC COMMENT.

Any person who is invited by the President to speak to the Board during a meeting should state his/her name and, if speaking for an organization, the name and identity of the organization. A spokesman should be designated to represent a group with a common purpose.

The Board will allow public comment for items listed on the agenda at the BEGINNING of the meeting. They will also allow public comment for items NOT listed on the agenda at the END of the meeting. In compliance with Nevada Open Meeting Law § 7.04 (first alternative) and § 7.05, these will be the two opportunities during the meeting for the public to address the Board.

Statements by members of the public should be brief and concise. The President may use discretion to establish a time limit on discussion or oral presentation by visitors.

Discussion or presentation concerning a published agenda item is limited to its designated place on the agenda, unless otherwise authorized by the President.

The Board will allow public comment to be submitted electronically to accommodate those who are unable to attend the meeting. District administration will create and maintain a means whereby the public can access this opportunity through the District website and via a weblink on the agenda. The public may submit comment by 12:00pm the day of the board meeting. Public comments will be forwarded to all LCSD Trustees prior to the board meeting.

Petitions

A visitor speaking during the meeting may introduce a topic not on the published agenda during public comment at the END of the meeting. The Board, at its discretion, may require that a proposal, inquiry or request be submitted in writing, and reserves the right to refer the matter to the administration for action or study. No action will be taken in response to a petition before the next regular meeting.

Questions asked by the public, when possible, will be answered immediately by the President or referred to staff members for reply. Questions requiring investigation may, at the discretion of the President, be referred to the superintendent for response at a later time.

The Board President should be alert to see that all visitors have been acknowledged and thanked for their presence and especially for any contributed comments on agenda issues. Similar courtesy should be extended to members of staff who have been in attendance. Their return for future meetings should be welcomed.

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Criticisms of Staff Members

Speakers may offer objective criticism of district operations and programs, but the Board will not hear complaints concerning individual district personnel. The President will direct the visitor to the appropriate means for Board consideration and disposition of legitimate complaints involving individuals.

Legal Reference(s): NRS 241, 281, 281A, 386, and 392

LCSD Board Policy GBBH: Employment of Relatives

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