

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

Overview

A Board of Education must transact all business at official meetings of the Board. A quorum of the Board shall be present in order for a legal meeting to be held and for business to be transacted. These meetings are open to the public. Under the State Education Law, school boards are to hold an annual, or reorganization meeting, as well as regular meetings. Under certain conditions, they may also hold special meetings and adjourned meetings. These meetings are open to the public. The Board of Education will make reasonable efforts to hold meetings in barrier-free facilities. In accordance with Sect. 1708 of the Education Law of the State of New York, all meetings must be held within the boundaries of the District.

Reorganization Meeting

The order of business at the reorganization meeting of a Board of Education includes the nomination and election of school board officers. The Board is required to select a president for the ensuing year and, in its discretion, to select a vice-president, and to appoint certain other district officers.

Except as otherwise provided by law, the oath of office is administered to officers and newly elected Board members at the reorganization meeting. The Board also conducts other business in preparation for the coming year such as the designation of depositories and authorized signatories, renewal of Treasurer's Bond, designation of meeting dates for regular board meetings throughout the year, designation of an official newspaper, and authorization of other appointments.

The annual reorganization meeting of the Board of Education will be held the first Tuesday in July, or on Wednesday if Tuesday is a legal holiday. However, by resolution, the Board may determine that its annual meeting be held at any time during the first 15 days of July prior to the Central High School district's Reorganization meeting which is set by law for the second Tuesday in July.

Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Education shall be held at least once in each calendar month at such hour and on such days as the Board may determine.

Special Meetings

A special meeting is a Board meeting other than the annual meeting and the regular meetings of the Board. They are usually called for emergency or urgent purposes, or as agreed upon at previous regular or special meetings.

Any member, upon 24-hour notice to all Board members and the Superintendent may call a special meeting.

Executive Session

The Board of Education reserves the right, within the constraints of State Law, to meet in executive session. Any member of the Board or the Superintendent of Schools can request such sessions. Upon a majority vote of its members, the Board may convene in executive session to discuss the subjects related to public safety, criminal offense, litigation, negotiations, personnel, special education findings, acquisition, sale, and/or lease of property.

Annual Meeting & Election

By law the Annual Meeting for the budget vote and Board elections will be held the third Tuesday in May.

Public Hearing

By law a public hearing must be held 7-14 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting and Election. The Public hearing is a forum for the presentation of the proposed budget to the voters.

BOCES Administration Budget Vote

A public meeting must be held to adopt a resolution either approving or disapproving the BOCES tentative administrative budget. This meeting may be scheduled on the same day designated by the BOCES president for the election of the BOCES board between April 16 & 30.