

School Board Meetings

Regular Meetings

All regular School Board meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month, unless otherwise designated at the annual organizational meeting of the Board. The time and place for all regular meetings will be set at the organizational meeting. Public Notice shall be given by posting the proposed agenda in the Business Office and with the local media at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

The School Board shall reserve at every official meeting a period for public comment, limited at the Board's discretion as to the time allowed for each topic and the total time allowed for public comment, but not so limited as to provide for no public comment. Public comment is not required at official meetings held solely for the purpose of meeting in executive session, an inauguration, swearing in of newly elected officials, or presentation of an annual report to the School Board.

Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President of the Board, or in his/her absence the Vice-President, or a majority of the Board members. Notice stating the time and place of any special meeting, and the purpose for its call, will be given to each Board member and the superintendent by the Business Manager, either orally or in writing, in sufficient time to allow each member's presence. No business other than that stated in the notice, will be transacted at a special meeting. Local news media that have requested notice will be notified of the special meeting in compliance with the public notice provisions, as circumstances permit.

Telephone Conference Call

Any official meeting, including executive meetings, may be conducted by teleconference. A teleconference is an exchange of information by audio, video, or electronic medium, including the internet. A member is deemed present if the member answers present to the roll call conducted by teleconference for the purpose of determining a quorum. Each vote at an official meeting held by teleconference may be taken by voice vote. If any member votes in the negative, the vote shall proceed to a roll call vote. A teleconference may be used to conduct a hearing. If the School Board conducts an official meeting by teleconference, the School Board shall provide a place at which the public may listen to and participate in the teleconference meeting. For any official meeting held by teleconference, which has less than a quorum of School Board members participating in the meeting who are present at the location open to the public, arrangements shall be provided for the public to listen to the meeting via telephone or internet. The requirement to provide one or more places for the public to listen to the teleconference does not apply to an executive meeting.

Adjourned Meetings

Adjournment of a regular or special meeting and rescheduling to a later date may be done by action duly taken. At such an adjourned meeting all business may be regularly transacted which would have been proper in the meeting from which adjournment was taken. This meeting shall serve as a continuation of a regular meeting and not as a special or called meeting.

Executive meeting sessions of the Board shall be called at such time and place as is required for free discussion of student, employee, personnel, or related matters which are not appropriate for public announcement until fully developed. Any tentative proposals for action taken at such closed sessions shall require confirmation at subsequent open meetings.

The Board may meet for study sessions or School Board Retreats to exchange information and develop understanding. The public will be welcome to attend but ordinarily no public announcements will be issued.

All regular, special, and teleconference meetings of the Board are open to the public.

Legal References: SDCL 1-25-1; 1-25-1.1; 1-25-1.2; 13-8-10

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