

LAKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT #306
BOARD POLICY #1400

Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum

Board meetings will be scheduled in compliance with the law, and as deemed by the board to be in the best interests of the district and community. The board will function through (1) regular meetings, (2) special meetings and (3) emergency meetings.

Regular Meetings

Regular meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month except during the months of January, April and July when meetings will be held on the third Wednesday only. Meetings will be held in Portable #209 at English Crossing Elementary School or at other times and places as determined by the presiding officer or by majority vote of the board. An agenda of business to be transacted must be posted on the district website not less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the published start time of the meeting, unless the district does not have a website or employs fewer than ten full-time equivalent employees.

If regular meetings are to be held at places other than Portable #209 at English Crossing Elementary School, or are adjourned to times other than a regular meeting time, notice of the meeting will be made in the same manner as provided for special meetings. All regular meetings of the board will be held within the district boundaries.

Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the president or at the request of a majority of the board members. A written notice of a special meeting, stating the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted, will be delivered to each board member. Written notice will also be sent not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting to each newspaper and radio or television station that has filed a written request for such notices. Written notice may be delivered personally or by mail, facsimile or electronic mail. The notice must be posted on the district's website. Final disposition will not be taken on any matter other than those items stated in the meeting notice.

The district must also prominently display the notice at the main entrance of the district's headquarters as well as the location of the meeting if the meeting is held at a location other than the headquarters.

All required notices must be delivered or posted not less than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

Emergency Meetings

In the event of an emergency involving fire, flood, earthquake, possible personal injury or property damage, the board may meet immediately and take official action without prior notification.

Public Notice

Public notice will be properly given for any special meeting; whenever a regular meeting is adjourned to another time; or, when a regular meeting is to be held at a place other than the Portable #209 at English Crossing Elementary School.

All meetings will be open to the public with the exception of executive or closed sessions authorized by law. Final action resulting from executive session discussions will be taken during a meeting open to the public as required by law.

Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting should contact the superintendent's office no later than three days before a regular meeting and as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so that special arrangements can be made.

During the interim between meetings, the office of the superintendent, as board secretary, will be the office of the board. The district's public records will be open for inspection in the manner provided by and subject to the limitation of the law.

Quorum

Three board members will be considered as constituting a quorum for the transaction of business.

Meeting Conduct and Order of Business

All board meetings will be conducted in an orderly and business-like manner using Roberts Rules of Order (Revised) as a guide, except when such rules are superseded by board bylaws or policies. The order of business will be that indicated in the agenda. Any additions or changes in the prepared agenda may be requested by the superintendent or a board member and must be approved by majority vote of the board members present. The board will establish its regular order of business, but may elect to change the order by a majority vote of the members present. At a special meeting final action may be taken only on that business contained in the notice of the special meeting.

All votes on motions and resolutions will be by "voice" vote unless an oral roll call vote is requested by a member of the board. All votes will be approved by majority of those present and voting, unless otherwise required by law. No action will be taken by secret ballot at any meeting required to be open to the public.

An oral roll call vote of all the members of the board is required for the election of board officers, filling a vacancy on the board, or for the selection of the school district superintendent, and a majority vote of all the members of the board is required for any person to be elected or selected for such positions.

During board meetings, board members will refrain from communicating electronically (e.g., by e-mail, text, social media) with their fellow board members.

Cross Reference:	Board Policy 1220	Board Officers and Duties of Board Members
	Board Policy 1410	Executive or Closed Sessions
	Board Policy 1420	Proposed Agenda and Consent Agenda
Legal References:	RCW 28A.330.020	Certain board elections, manner and vote required
	RCW 28A.320.040	Directors — Bylaws for board and school government

RCW 28A.330.070	Office of board — Records available for public inspection
RCW 28A.343.370	Directors — Vacancies
RCW 28A.343.380	Directors — Meetings
RCW 28A.343.390	Directors — Quorum — Failure to attend meetings
RCW 42.030.030	Meetings declared open and public
RCW 42.030.050	Interruptions- Procedure
RCW 42.30.060	Open Public Meetings — Voting by secret ballot prohibited
RCW 42.30.070	Time and places for meetings- emergencies-exception
RCW 42.30.080	Special meetings

Ch.42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213, Americans with Disabilities Act

Management Resources:

Policy & Legal News, June 2014
Policy & Legal News, April 2013
Policy News, June 2012
Policy News, June 2005

Meeting conduct policy revised
Special Meetings Requirements
Special Meeting Notice Requirements

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