

Athena-Weston School District 29J

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Board Meetings/Regular Board Meetings

“Meeting” means the convening of the Board as the district’s governing body to make a decision or to deliberate toward a decision on any matter. The Board has the authority to act only when a quorum is present at a duly called regular or special meeting. Communications between and among a quorum of members convening on electronically linked personal computers or by telephone conference call are subject to the Public Meetings Law.

1. Regular Meetings

All regular and special meetings of the Board will be open to the public except as provided by law. All meetings will be conducted in compliance with state and federal statutes. All Board meetings will be held within district boundaries. No meeting will be held at any place where discrimination on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, age or national origin is practiced.

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. Primary consideration will be given to requests of qualified individuals with disabilities in selecting appropriate auxiliary aids¹ and services.

No later than the next regular meeting following July 1, the Board will hold an organizational meeting to elect Board officers for the coming year and to establish the year’s schedule of Board meetings. In Board election years (odd numbered years), the first meeting will be held no later than July 31.

One regular Board meeting will be held each month. The meeting schedule will be established at the organizational meeting in July but may be changed by the Board with proper notice. The purpose of each monthly meeting will be to conduct the regular Board business. The Board chair will conduct the meeting, or in his/her absence, the vice chair will conduct the meeting. If both are absent, the person with the longest period of service on the Board will conduct the meeting.

2. Electronic Communication

E-mail to, by, and among Board members, in their capacity as Board members, shall not be used for the purpose of discussing district business. E-mail among Board members shall be limited to: (1) disseminating information, and (2) messages not involving deliberation, debate, or decision-making. E-mail may contain:

¹Auxiliary aids include, but are not limited to, such services and devices as qualified interpreters, assistive listening systems, note takers, readers, taped texts, Brailled materials and large print.

- a. Agenda item suggestions;
- b. Reminders regarding meeting times, dates and places;
- c. Board meeting agendas or information concerning agenda items;
- d. One-way information from Board members or superintendent to each Board member (e.g., an article on student achievement or to share a report on district progress on goals);
- e. Individual responses to questions posed by community members, subject to other limitations in Board policy.

E-mails sent to other Board members may have the following notice:

Important: Please do not reply or forward this e-mail if this communication constitutes a decision or deliberation toward a decision between and among a quorum of a governing body which could be considered a public meeting. E-mails on district business are governed by public records law.

3. Private or Social Meetings

Private or social meetings of a quorum of the Board for the purpose of making a decision or to deliberate toward a decision on any matter are prohibited by the Public Meetings Law.

4. Special Meetings

If less than a quorum is present, or additional business needs to be conducted at the regular time of adjournment, a special meeting may be called. The time, date and place of the adjourned meeting will be specified and appropriate notice given.

All meetings held in public shall comply with the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act and the smoking provisions contained in the Public Meetings Law.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 174.104](#)

[ORS Chapter 192](#)

[ORS Chapter 193](#)

[ORS 332.045 - 332.111](#)

[ORS 433.835 - 433.875](#)

38 OR. ATTY. GEN. OP. 1995 (1978)

41 OR. ATTY. GEN. OP. 28 (1980)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2006); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2006).

Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.

Cross Reference(s):

BDC - Executive Sessions