

Knappa School District 4

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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

Regular meetings of the Board will be held at a time and place publicly announced.

All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public except executive sessions permissible by law.

All Board meetings will be conducted in compliance with state and federal statutes. All Board meetings will be held within the 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.

If requested to do so at least 48 hours before a meeting held in public, the Board shall provide an interpreter for hearing-impaired persons. Other appropriate auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request and appropriate advance notice. Communications with all qualified individuals with disabilities shall be as effective as communications with others.

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

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.

Discussion by Board members shall be unlimited as long as it applies to the motion before the Board of the matter under consideration. The Board may vote to limit discussion, and the chair shall confine discussions to the matter before the Board. He/She may limit the time of any citizen appearing before the Board in order that all who wish to be heard may have the opportunity.

It shall be the duty of each Board member to vote on each motion unless excused from doing so by the chair.

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:

- 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.

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 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 special 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):

ACA - Americans with Disabilities Act
BDB - Special and Emergency Board Meetings
BDC - Executive Sessions