

Board MeetingsMeeting Defined

A meeting is defined as the convening of the Board of Trustees to make a decision or to deliberate toward a decision on any matter. Trustees may participate in school board meetings via electronic means (including telephonic or video conferencing devices) provided at least one (1) member of the Board of Trustees or the Superintendent is physically present at the meeting location.

Annual Organization Meeting

After the issuance of the election certificates to the newly elected Trustees in November and on the date of its regular January meeting, the Board shall elect from among its members a Chair and a vice chair to serve one year terms. The Board shall also elect a clerk and a treasurer, who may be Members of the Board of Trustees or, at the discretion of the Board, either or both positions may be selected from among competent and responsible persons outside the membership of the Board. The Board, in its discretion, may allow compensation for the clerk and for the treasurer if other than the county treasurer. If a Board Member is unable to continue to serve as an officer, a replacement shall be elected immediately. In the absence of both the Chair and the vice chair, the Board shall elect a chair pro tempore, who shall perform the functions of the Chair during the latter's absence. The clerk shall act as Board secretary.

The normal order of business shall be modified for the annual organizational meeting by considering the following matters after the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting:

1. Welcome and introduction of newly-elected Board Members by the current Chair;
2. Swearing in of newly-elected Trustees;
3. Call for nominations for Chair to serve during the ensuing year;
4. Election of a Chair;
5. Assumption of office by the new Chair;
6. Call for nominations for vice chair to serve during the ensuing year;
7. Election of a vice chair;
8. Election of a clerk; and
9. Election of a treasurer; and
10. Review the code of ethics.

Policies and bylaws shall continue from year to year until and unless the Board changes them.

Regular Meetings

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings of each Board of School District Trustees shall be held monthly, on the second Monday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library.

Emergency Meetings

In the event of an emergency involving possible personal injury or property damage, immediate financial loss, or the likelihood of injury, damage or loss, the Board may meet immediately and take official action without prior notification when the notice requirements would make such notice impracticable, or increase the likelihood or severity of such injury, damage or loss, and the reason for the emergency is stated at the outset of the meeting.

Budget Meetings

No later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to its annual meeting, the Board shall have prepared a budget, in the form prescribed by the state superintendent of public instruction, and shall hold a public hearing. At such public hearing or at a special meeting held no later than fourteen (14) days after the public hearing, the Board shall adopt a budget for the ensuring year. Notice of the budget hearing shall be posted and published as prescribed in I.C. § 33-402. From the time noticed, a copy of the budget shall be available for public inspection during regular business hours.

Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or by any two (2) members of the trustees. If the time and place of special meetings has not been determined at a meeting of the Board with all members present, then written notice of a special meeting, stating the purpose of the meeting, shall be delivered to each trustee not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of the meeting. Such written notice shall be posted conspicuously at the school district office and at least two (2) or more public buildings within the school district. Business transacted at a special meeting will be limited to that stated in the notice of the meeting.

Executive Sessions

Pursuant to Idaho Code, upon a two-thirds (2/3's) vote recorded in the minutes of the meeting, the Board may hold an executive session after the Board Chair has expressly identified the specified legal authorization for holding an executive session and provided sufficient detail to identify the general purpose and topic of the executive session. However, the information provided shall not compromise the purpose of going into an executive session.

An executive session may be held for, and only for, the following purposes:

1. To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. Please note this does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general.
2. To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaint or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or a student.
3. To conduct deliberations regarding labor negotiations. *Note: The Board may still deliberate regarding labor negotiations and may caucus regarding negotiations in Executive Session. However, all actual negotiations between the parties; such as the exchange of offers, counteroffers, and exchange of documents; must be conducted in open session.*
4. To acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency;
5. To consider records exempt from public disclosure;
6. To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the Board is in competition with other governing bodies in other states or nations;
7. To communicate with legal counsel and to discuss any legal ramifications and/or legal options for pending litigation or possible legal controversies not yet being litigated. The presence of legal counsel at executive session does not satisfy this requirement.
8. To communicate with a representative of the District's risk management or insurance provider to discuss a pending claim or prevention of a possible claim to be filed. The presence of a risk management or insurance provider at executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

Except for making a determination to place a certified professional employee on probation, no final action may be held for the purpose of taking any final action or making any final decisions.

If an executive session only will be held, a twenty-four (24) hour meeting and agenda notice shall include the date, time, place and items to be discussed and including the specific provision of law authorizing the executive session. The Board will not change the subject within the executive session to one not identified within the motion to enter executive session or to any topic for which an executive session is not provided.

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LEGAL REFERENCE:

I.C. §33-506 Organization and Government of Board of Trustees
I.C. §33-510 Annual Meetings – Regular Meetings – Board of Trustees
I.C. § 74-202 Open Public Meetings – Definitions
I.C. § 74-203 Governing Bodies—Requirement for Open Public Meetings
I.C. § 74-204 Notice of Meetings
I.C. § 74-205 Written Minutes of Meetings
I.C. § 74-206 Executive Sessions – When Authorized
I.C. § 74-206A Negotiations in Open Session

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