



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: July 19, 2017

Purpose: ☐ Report Only ☐ Recognition ☒ Discussion/ Possible Action

From: Leticia Guerra, Board Vice President

Item Title: Discussion and Possible Action to reevaluate Board Policy BE (LOCAL) as recently amended, regarding multiple board meetings per month.

Description:

Board member, Leticia Guerra, recommends that the board revisit board policy BE (Local).

Recommendation:

Approve the following amendment to policy BE (Local): Regular meetings of the Board shall normally be held on the ~~first and~~ third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

District Goal:

Goal 1 We will engage all school community members through transparency and effective communication to create an inclusive environment for all students.

Funding Budget Code and Amount:

CFO Approval

APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Chief Officer:

Superintendent:

A. Saavedra

7/12/17

BOARD MEETINGS

BE
(LOCAL)

MEETING PLACE AND TIME	The notice for a Board meeting shall reflect the date, time, and location of the meeting.
REGULAR MEETINGS	Regular meetings of the Board shall normally be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. When determined necessary and for the convenience of Board members, the Board President may change the date, time, or location of a regular meeting with proper notice.
SPECIAL OR EMERGENCY MEETINGS	The Board President shall call special meetings at the Board President's discretion or on request by two members of the Board. The Board President shall call an emergency meeting when it is determined by the Board President or two members of the Board that an emergency or urgent public necessity, as defined by law, warrants the meeting.
AGENDA DEADLINE	The deadline for submitting items for inclusion on the agenda is the fourteenth calendar day before regular meetings and the fourteenth calendar day before special meetings. In suggesting items for Board action, Board members shall solicit and consider the opinion of the Superintendent as to any impact that the proposed action shall have on the operations or administration of the District. Agenda items submitted after the deadline, but before the 72-hour notice requirement, may be placed on the agenda with the approval of the Board President.
PREPARATION	The Superintendent shall prepare a draft agenda for each Board meeting. The Superintendent shall include on the preliminary agenda of the meeting all topics that have been submitted in a timely fashion by a Board member. Before the official agenda is finalized for any meeting, the Superintendent shall consult the Board President to ensure that the agenda and the topics included meet with the Board President's approval. In reviewing the preliminary agenda, the Board President shall ensure that any topics the Board or individual Board members have requested to be addressed are either on that agenda or scheduled for deliberation at an appropriate time in the near future. The Board President shall not have authority to remove from the agenda a subject requested by a Board member without that Board member's specific authorization.
NOTICE TO MEMBERS	Members of the Board shall be given notice of regular and special meetings at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of the meeting and at least two hours prior to the time of an emergency meeting.

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CLOSED MEETING	Notice of all meetings shall provide for the possibility of a closed meeting during an open meeting, in accordance with law. The Board may conduct a closed meeting when the agenda subject is one that may properly be discussed in closed meeting. [See BEC]
ORDER OF BUSINESS	The order of business for regular Board meetings shall be as set out in the agenda accompanying the notice of the meeting. At the meeting, the order in which posted agenda items are taken may be changed by consensus of Board members.
RULES OF ORDER	The Board shall observe the parliamentary procedures as found in <i>Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised</i>, except as otherwise provided in Board procedural rules or by law. Procedural rules may be suspended at any Board meeting by majority vote of the members present.
VOTING	Voting shall be by voice vote or show of hands, as directed by the Board President. A roll-call vote may be called by the Board President only. Any member may abstain from voting, and a member's vote or failure to vote shall be recorded upon that member's request. [See BDAA(LOCAL) for the Board President's voting rights]
CONSENT AGENDA	When the agenda is prepared, the Board President shall determine items, if any, that qualify to be placed on the consent agenda. A consent agenda shall include items of a routine and/or recurring nature grouped together under one action item. For each item listed as part of a consent agenda, the Board shall be furnished with background material. All such items shall be acted upon by one vote without separate discussion, unless a Board member requests that an item be withdrawn for individual consideration. The remaining items shall be adopted under a single motion and vote.
MINUTES	Board action shall be carefully recorded by the Board Secretary or clerk; when approved, these minutes shall serve as the legal record of official Board actions. The written minutes of all meetings shall be approved by vote of the Board and signed by the Board President and the Board Secretary. The official minutes of the Board shall be retained on file in the office of the Superintendent and shall be available for examination during regular office hours. In addition, the official minutes shall be posted on the District's website within 72 hours after the Board meeting in which the minutes were approved for the purposes of transparency and accessibility for all parents, community members, and tax payers within the District.

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DISCUSSIONS AND
LIMITATION

Discussions shall be addressed to the Board President and then the entire membership. Discussion shall be directed solely to the business currently under deliberation, and the Board President shall halt discussion that does not apply to the business before the Board. Discussion with the staff shall be directed to the Superintendent, unless a member of the staff is presenting at the podium.

The Board President shall also halt discussion if the Board has agreed to a time limitation for discussion of an item, and that time limit has expired. Aside from these limitations, the Board President shall not interfere with debate so long as members wish to address themselves to an item under consideration.