

Fern Ridge/School Board Operating Agreement

For the purpose of enhancing teamwork among members of the board and between the board and the administration, we, the members of the Fern Ridge School District Senior Leadership Team (board and superintendent) do hereby publicly commit ourselves collectively and individually to the following operating protocol:

BOARD ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Focus on governance: policy-making, strategic planning and evaluation (curriculum, district performance and superintendent).
2. Uphold the legal, compliance and confidentiality requirements on all matters arising from board meetings and executive session.
3. Recognize the role of the chair to speak for and about the board to the press and public groups. Recognize the role of the chair to convene meetings, execute documents as appropriate, and develop the agenda with the vice chair and superintendent.
4. The board and superintendent will participate annually in establishing goals and objectives for themselves and the district.
5. The board will act as ambassadors to the schools, the community and the district.

HOW WE OPERATE & MAKE DECISIONS

6. Make decisions as a whole board only at properly called meetings.
7. Support decisions of the majority. Once a decision is made, members will support the decision of the majority.
8. Two (three, depending on policy) board members must agree before an item is placed on a meeting agenda.
9. Start and end meetings on time.
10. Notify the school administration before visiting a school in the role of school board member.

HOW WE COMMUNICATE

11. Communicate directly with the superintendent when information is needed or a question arises. Specific questions concerning information contained in the board packet may be addressed to the person providing the information.
12. The chair responds to group email sent to the board.

13. Be mindful that you represent the board in public and that no individual board member has the authority to speak for the board.

14. Board members will communicate with one another should an issue or problem develop between them.

Board Action Taken: 8/18/2025

Board Chair Signature/Date: _____

Superintendent Signature/Date: _____