

DRIPPING SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Workshop Meeting AGENDA

Thursday, February 12, 2015
510 West Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, Board Room
6:00 PM

As authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., the Board during the course of the meeting covered by this notice may enter into closed or executive session to discuss personnel, legal and/or real estate matters.

I. SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE WORKSHOP

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- A. Candidate Qualifications
- B. Roles and Responsibilities of the School Board and Superintendent
- C. Board Member Continuing Education Requirements
- D. Questions & Answers

EDUCATION HIERARCHY IN TEXAS

TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Elected - Considers and passes
laws affecting education



STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Elected - 10 members;
writes rules to implement laws



EDUCATION HIERARCHY IN TEXAS

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Appointed by the Governor -
Provides leadership
to the SBOE and TEA

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

Implementation and enforcement of rules

EDUCATION HIERARCHY IN TEXAS

REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE CENTERS

20 across the state - facilitates implementation
and provides services to districts



LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES

Local school districts - provide
direct services to students



EDUCATION HIERARCHY IN TEXAS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Elected locally -
policy setting body for the district



SUPERINTENDENT

Appointed by the BOT - provides leadership
to BOT and district employees in the
day-to-day operation of the schools

Becoming a School Board Candidate

"Serving on the school board is not a popularity contest. Board members must be knowledgeable."

-----Romeo Villarreal, South Texas ISD trustee

Candidate Qualifications

- To have your name placed on a ballot you must be:
 - ☑ a qualified voter in the district.
 - ☑ a resident of the district for 6 months before the filing deadline.
 - ☑ a resident of the state for 12 months before the filing deadline.

Proper Identification

A current
Voter Registration Certificate
is required!



Conflict of Interest and Nepotism

- To ensure that you comply with nepotism statutes you must read these policies:

- **BBB**
- **BBFA**
- **DBE**

<http://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/619>



Conflict of Interest and Nepotism

- The nepotism statutes provide that a school district may not employ a person related to a member of the board:
 - by *blood* within the 3rd degree or
 - by *marriage* within the 2nd degree

Conflict of Interest and Nepotism

- *However*, the nepotism prohibition does not affect the employment of any person who has been continuously employed by the district in the same position for a period of 6 months prior to the election of the board member to whom the employee is related.

Board Member Continuing Education Requirements

Overview of Continuing Education Requirements for School Board Members

Continuing Education Required of Local School Board Members	Tier	First Year Board Member	Experienced Board Member	Provider
Local District Orientation	1	At least 3 hours Required within 60 days of election or appointment	Not required	Local district
Orientation to the Texas Education Code	1	3 hours Required within 120 days of election or appointment	Not required	Education Service Center
Update to the Texas Education Code	1	Not required	<i>After legislative session:</i> length determined by issues addressed in legislation	Any registered provider
Team-building Session must include a review of the roles, rights, and responsibilities of the local board as outlined in the Framework for Governance Leadership and an assessment of continuing education needs of the board-superintendent team	2	At least 3 hours	At least 3 hours each year	Any registered provider
Additional Continuing Education, based on assessed needs	3	At least 10 hours	At least 5 hours each year	Any registered provider
Continuing Education Required of All Elected Public Officials— Effective 1/1/2006		First Year Board Member	Experienced Board Member	Provider
Open Meetings Training		1 hour Required within 90 days of election or appointment		Attorney General's Office or other approved provider
Public Information Act Training (Boards may delegate this training to the district's public information coordinator)		Check local district policy for any board requirement (BBD Local)		Attorney General's Office or other approved provider

Questions about continuing education requirements? E-mail lts@tasb.org or call call 800.580.8272, extension 2453.

Questions about Leadership Team Services (LTS) programs and services? Visit LTS.tasb.org, or call 800.580.8272, extension 2452.



Board Member Continuing Education Requirements

- ✓ Under the rule passed by the State Board of Education, all newly elected trustees must participate in a local district orientation within 60 days after they are elected or appointed.

Board Member Continuing Education Requirements

- ✓ Within the *first 120 days of service*, each new member must attend a three-hour orientation to the Texas Education Code presented by staff of the Regional Education Service Centers.

Board Member Continuing Education Requirements

- ✓ All trustees, both new and experienced, must complete a three-hour annual team-building session with the entire board and superintendent.

Board Member Continuing Education Requirements

- ✓ New members must receive a minimum of 10 additional hours of training in their *first year of service* based on an assessment using the Framework for School Board Development.

Board Member Continuing Education Requirements

- A minimum of 19 hours total.
- *Following the first year of service*, at least 8 hours of continuing education are required annually.

TASB Training Events

- ✓ Grassroots Meetings
- ✓ Candidate Orientation Workshops
- ✓ Winter Governance Seminar
- ✓ Spring Legal Seminar
- ✓ Spring Workshops
- ✓ Celebrating Opportunities for Hispanic Students
- ✓ Summer Leadership Institute
- ✓ Summer Governance Seminar
- ✓ TASA/TASB Convention
- ✓ Fall Legal Seminars



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