

BP 9323 MEETING CONDUCT

The School Board desires to conduct its meetings effectively and efficiently. All School Board meetings shall begin on time and shall be guided by an agenda prepared and delivered in advance to all School Board members and other designated persons.

Parliamentary Procedure

School Board meetings shall be conducted by the president in a manner consistent with adopted School Board bylaws and generally accepted parliamentary procedures.

Quorum

A majority of the number of filled positions on the School Board constitutes a quorum.

Unless otherwise provided by law, affirmative votes by a majority of the School Board's membership are required to approve any action under consideration, regardless of the number of members present.

Abstentions

The School Board recognizes that when no conflict of interest requires abstention, its members have a duty to vote on issues before them. When a member abstains because of a conflict of interest or for any other reason, his/her abstention shall be considered to concur with the action taken by the majority of those who vote, whether affirmatively or negatively.

(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

Public Participation

Because the School Board has a responsibility to conduct district business in an orderly and efficient way, the following procedures shall regulate public presentations to the School Board.

1. The School Board shall give members of the public an opportunity to address the School Board either before or during the School Board's consideration of each agenda item.
2. At a time so designated on the agenda, members of the public also may bring before the School Board matters that are not listed on the agenda of a regular meeting. The School Board may refer such a matter to the Superintendent or designee or take it under advisement. The matter may be placed on the agenda of a subsequent meeting for action or discussion by the School Board.

3. A person wishing to be heard by the School Board shall first be recognized by the president. He/she shall then identify himself/herself and proceed to comment as briefly as the subject permits.
4. Individual speakers will be allowed 3 minutes to address the School Board. The School Board shall limit the total time for each agenda item to 30 minutes.
5. With School Board consent, the president may modify the time allowed for public presentation or may rule on the appropriateness of a topic. If the topic would be more suitably addressed at a later time, the president may indicate the time and place when it should be presented.
6. No oral presentation shall include charges or complaints against any employee of the School Board, including the Superintendent, regardless of whether or not the employee is identified by name or by another reference which tends to identify. Charges or complaints against employees must be submitted to the School Board under the provisions of School Board policy and administrative regulations related to such complaints.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning School Personnel) (cf. 9312 - Executive Sessions)

7. No disturbance or willful interruption of any School Board meeting shall be permitted. Persistence, by an individual or group, shall be grounds for the chair to terminate the privilege of addressing the meeting. The School Board may remove disruptive individuals and order the room cleared if necessary.

Adjournment

Regular School Board meetings shall be adjourned at 7 pm unless extended to a time certain by a majority of the School Board. The meeting shall be extended no more than once and may be recessed to a later time.

(cf. 9320 - Meetings)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

29.20.020 Meetings public

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