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SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

All Board meetings will be announced publicly in accordance with this policy and applicable law. Except in the event of rare emergencies, such announcement will be made in ample time to allow public and media attendance and shall be disseminated in a manner reasonably calculated to notify the general public.

Regular Meetings

The Board will hold its regular business meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, with the second and fourth Wednesdays reserved for special meetings. The Board has the discretion to change the meeting schedule with appropriate notice to the public.

Special Meetings

A special meeting of the Board is a meeting that is held to address important matters that arise between regular meetings and/or require Board action before the time set for the next regular meeting, or to consider a single subject in one session.

A special meeting may be called at any time at the discretion of the Board Chair or at the request of the Superintendent. A special meeting shall be called at the written request of four members of the Board.

The Superintendent shall provide notice of a special meeting to Board members and the media at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. The notice or agenda shall indicate the subject(s) of the meeting and action to be taken.

No business other than that stated in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted.

Emergency Meetings

An emergency meeting of the Board is a meeting that is called because a matter is so urgent that it must be addressed immediately and the advance notice required for a special meeting cannot reasonably be provided.

An emergency meeting may be called by the Board Chair or at the request of the Superintendent.

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Whenever practicable, 24-hour advance notice will be provided. The Superintendent shall notify the media of an emergency meeting by the same or faster means as used to notify Board members. The notice shall indicate the purpose of the meeting.

No business may be transacted except that for which the emergency meeting is called.

Non-Public Sessions

Non-public sessions of the Board shall be called and conducted in accordance with state law. The motion calling for a non-public session will indicate the matter(s) to be discussed and the statutory exception allowing the non-public session. Only the matter(s) stated in the motion shall be considered.

Workshops and Informational Meetings

The Board, at its discretion or if required by law, may schedule workshops and other meetings to discuss a particular subject or proposal or to gather input from staff, community, or other groups. No formal action shall be taken by the Board at a workshop or informational meeting.

Legal References:RSA 91-A:1 et seq.

Cross References: BEDB – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
 BEDG - Minutes
 BEDH – Public Participation at Board Meetings