Responsible Office: Office of the Superintendent

BOARD POLICY 9115

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees (Board) believes the work of the Washoe County School District (District) is strengthened when done with full transparency and with a primary focus dedicated to student achievement. The Board welcomes the attendance of all members of the community - students, employees, parents, and the general public - at all of its public meetings. This Board Policy will outline the way in which the Board will conduct meetings.

POLICY

1. To accomplish its job of informed oversight in a Balanced Governance Model, the Board shall produce and follow an annual calendar, as outlined below, which focuses agenda topics on goal progress checking of District Values, Mission, Vision, Strategic Goals, and Balanced Governance Model Standards. Accordingly, the Board shall, with a focus dedicated to student achievement:

    a. Prepare and update a perpetual calendar that includes a schedule of formative monitoring reports, bi-annual governance policy reviews, community linkage activities, Board assessment, Board and staff training, policy related briefings and analysis, public policy reviews, and other relevant issues.

    b. Finalize its strategic priorities for the upcoming school year in alignment with District Values, Mission, Vision, and Strategic Goals by the last day of February so that administrative planning and budgeting can take place.

    c. Develop the Board's annual agenda through consideration of:

        i. The review of student progress toward accomplishing the District Values, Mission, Vision, Strategic Goals, and Balanced Governance Model Standards;

        ii. The role of the Board in financial oversight and approval of the annual budget;

iii. The role of the Board in operational oversight of the District, which may include annual reports of the roles, responsibilities, success, and areas in need of improvement;

iv. Knowledge gained through reports from external stakeholder committees;

v. Results from the Organizational Monitoring System and the District Strategic Team;

vi. Board-directed consultation with selected stakeholder groups in Washoe County; or

vii. Other Board-approved methods of gaining input from the people of Washoe County.

d. Attend to consent agenda items as expeditiously as possible.

e. Decide Superintendent contract modifications, if requested, only after a review of formative assessment reports received in the last year.

f. Trustees shall conduct effective and productive meetings focused on open dialogue and policy actions intended to check the progress and improve achievement of the District Vision, Strategic Imperatives, and Support Strategies. Trustees shall conduct their Board meetings in a professional manner with appropriate decorum through:

i. Well-attended meetings and well-prepared participants;

ii. A well-planned agenda that is focused on progress checking and discussion of the District Values, Mission, Vision, Strategic Goals, and Balanced Governance Model Standards;

iii. Keeping discussion centered on the agenda and staying focused on progress checking and discussion of the District Values, Mission, Vision, Strategic Goals, and Balanced Governance Model Standards;

iv. Balanced participation with everyone participating and no one dominating;

v. Sharing viewpoints in a clear, concise manner;

vi. Accomplishing work in an atmosphere of trust and openness with respect and courtesy;

vii. Monitoring policies to facilitate accountability and assurance of policy implementation fidelity; and

viii. Comply with Board Policy 9051, Board Conduct, Ethics, and Operational Protocols.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

1. This Board Policy reflects the goals of the District's Strategic Plan and aligns/complies with the governing documents of the District, to include:
    a. Board Policy 1505, Visitors to District Property – Meaningful Access.
2. This Board Policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code, to include:
    a. NRS Chapter 241, Meetings of State and Local Agencies;
    b. NRS Chapter 288, Relations Between Governments and Public Employees, and specifically:
        i. NRS 288.220, Certain proceedings not required to be open or public;
    c. NRS Chapter 386, Local Administrative Organization, and specifically:
        i. NRS 386.330, Meetings; quorum; broadcast of meetings on television authorized;
    d. NRS Chapter 392, Pupils, and specifically:
        i. NRS 392.467, Suspension or expulsion of pupil: Procedure; limitation; and
        ii. NRS 392.656, Inapplicability of Open Meeting Law to development committee, school committee and certain meetings of State Board related to crisis and emergency response.
3. This Board Policy complies with federal laws and regulations, to include:
    a. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA); and
    b. The Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA).

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Revision	Modification
01/14/2014	1.0	Adopted (Merged Former Board Policies 9017, 9018, 1120, 1130)

10/25/2016	2.0	Revised: To align with Balanced Governance principles; number changed from 9034
08/28/2018	3.0	Revised: To update process for public submission of comment in ways other than orally at a meeting
11/24/2020	4.0	Revised: To provide clarity and align with governance policies
10/25/2023	5.0	Revised: Update formatting pursuant to BP 9070 and clarify language