

**MISSION STATEMENT • DISTRICT 96**

**The mission of the Riverside Public Schools is to provide for each student a challenging education which promotes academic excellence, encourages creativity, develops critical thinking, and fosters respect for self, community, and the environment.**

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
63 WOODSIDE ROAD  
RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS  
HAUSER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
Tuesday, December 14, 2010, 7:30 PM

**AGENDA**

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TRUTH IN TAXATION FOR 2010 TAX LEVY**

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of Tax Levy for 2010.  
Public Comment/Statement.
- C. Resolution to Adopt a Certificate of 2010 Tax Levy.
- D. Certificate of Compliance with Truth in Taxation Act.
- E. Adjournment.

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call.
- B. From Superintendent and Staff.
  - 1. Student Enrollment Update.
  - 2. School Highlights from First Trimester.
  - 3. Overview - Illinois School Funding, including property taxes.
- C. From School Board Committees.
  - 1. Education.
  - 2. Finance/Building.
  - 3. Policy.
  - 4. Board Liaisons. (IASB; REC; REEF; PTA/O; Discipline Code Committee)
- D. Public Comment/Statement. (Will commence no later than 8:15 p.m.)
  - 1. Update, FOIA Request.
- E. Riverside Education Council.
- F. CONSENT AGENDA. (Roll Call Vote)
  - 1. Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of November 16, 2010.
  - 2. Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of November 16, 2010.
  - 3. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of November 16, 2010.
  - 4. Approval of the Financial Statement as of November 30, 2010.
  - 5. General Invoices, Schedule A-704.
  - 6. Appointment, Support Staff, Schedule C-943.
- G. Old Business.
  - 1. Approval of Resolution to Adopt a Certificate of 2010 Tax Levy and Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Act. (Roll Call Vote)
  - 2. Flexible Boundary Committee Policy Recommendations. (Discussion)
- H. New Business.
  - 1. Action: Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes from July through December 2010. (Roll Call Vote)

2. Preliminary Calendar 2011-12. (Discussion)
  3. Approval of 1st Reading of the following Board policies as recommended by the Policy Committee:
    - a. Policy 2:150 - Committees.
    - b. Policy 2:240 - Board Policy Development.
    - c. Policy 2:70-E-Exhibit - Vacancies on the Board of Education - Filling Vacancies.
    - d. Policy 2:160 - Board Attorney.
    - e. Policy 4:140 - Waiver of Student Fees.
    - f. Policy 5:190 - Teacher Qualifications.
    - g. Policy 5:250 - Leaves of Absence.
    - h. Policy 5:270 - Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment.
    - i. Policy 5:330 - Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves.
    - j. Policy 6:280 - Grading and Promotion.
    - k. Policy 7:90 - Release During School Hours.
    - l. Policy 7:325 - Student Fund-Raising Activities.
    - m. Policy 8:80 - Gifts to the District.
  4. Accept 2009-10 Audit Report from Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C.
- I. Future Meeting Dates.
1. January 18, 2011, Education Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center at Hauser Jr. High School.
  2. January 18, 2011, Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center at Hauser Jr. High School.
- J. Adjournment.

## **Welcome to a District 96 Board Meeting**

### **What is the District 96 Board of Education?**

The Board of Education is the governing body of District 96. It consists of 7 district residents elected to serve the community. Each member volunteers for a four-year term.

### **What does the Board do?**

The Board of Education sets district policy, approves educational goals, authorizes district expenditures and hires the Superintendent.

Only the Board, acting as a whole and in its official capacity, is vested with the authority to make decisions on behalf of the district. Individual board members can only offer their personal opinions on issues and cannot, as individuals, make binding decisions on behalf of the Board.

### **What happens at a Regular Board Meeting?**

Regular Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except July) at 7:30 p.m. Please see [www.district96.org](http://www.district96.org) for each month's meeting's location. Committee meetings (Finance, Education, or Building) are usually held prior to the Regular Meeting.

Generally, at a Regular Meeting, the Superintendent and district staff update the Board about such topics as district finances, facilities and educational goals and initiatives. The Superintendent may also recommend that the Board take specific action on items it discusses. Typically, a Board vote on any item does not occur at the same meeting that the item is first discussed.

A Board vote on policies, programs and expenditures can only occur in an open session (in public). At some meetings, however, the Board may adjourn into closed session (apart from the public). Closed sessions are allowed by law due to the sensitive nature of some discussion topics. Board of Education Policy 2:200 itemizes a list of permissible closed session topics.

The Consent Agenda is a collection of items (e.g., Minutes, monthly payroll) that typically do not require discussion before Board action. There is an opportunity for Public Comment during every Board Meeting. The Board uses this time to listen to community questions and concerns, but may not respond immediately to individual requests and cannot take formal action on non-agenda items. Comments pertaining to individual students or staff are not permitted.

### **How to contact the Board?**

You may send an email to [boardofed@district96.org](mailto:boardofed@district96.org) and your message will be forwarded to all members. You can also call individual members at the numbers listed in the district calendar.

### **For more information:**

Please visit <http://www.district96.org/school-board/> and <http://www.district96.org/school-board/board-policy-manual/>