

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, January 15, 2013, 7:30 PM

AGENDA

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. From Superintendent and Staff.
 - 1. Capital Projects Update with Architect.
 - 2. Student Enrollment Update.
- C. From School Board Committees.
 - 1. Education.
 - 2. Finance.
 - 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 Finance Committee Meeting of December 11, 2012.
 - 2. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 11, 2012.
 - 3. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of December 11, 2012.
 - 4. Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of December 18, 2012.
 - 5. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of December 18, 2012.
 - 6. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 2, 2013.
 - 7. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of January 2, 2013.
 - 8. Approval of the Financial Statement as of December 31, 2012.
 - 9. General Invoices Schedule A-728.
 - 10. Request for FMLA.
 - 11. Authorize the Hiring of Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn LLP as Additional Legal Counsel.
- G. Old Business.
 - 1. Discuss 2013-14 School Calendar.
 - 2. Approval of 2nd Reading of Board Policies Under Review:
 - a. Policy 7:30 E-2 - Elementary School Student Assignment Policy.
 - b. Policy 3:40 - Superintendent.

- c. Policy 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts.
- d. Policy 4:120 - Food Services.
- e. Policy 5:70 - Religious Holidays.
- f. Policy 5:130 - Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information.
- g. Policy 6:70 - Teaching About Religions.
- h. Policy 6:235 - Access to Electronic Networks.
- i. Policy 7:80 - Release Time for Religious Instructions/Observance.
- j. Policy 7:140 - Search and Seizure.

H. New Business.

- 1. Authorize CONCEPT 3 Architects to Seek Bids for Summer 2013 Capital Improvement Projects at Blythe Park and Hollywood Schools. (Roll Call Vote)
- 2. Discuss Policy 2:140 - Communications To and From the Board.
- 3. Approval of Resolution to Elect that Certain Assessment Relief Provided by the Revenue Act of 1939 for Historic Buildings Not Apply to Taxes that are Levied by the Board of Education of School District No. 96, Cook County, Illinois. (Roll Call Vote)

I. Future Meeting Dates.

- 1. February 19, 2013, Policy Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center at Hauser Jr. High School.
- 2. February 19, 2013, Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center at Hauser Jr. High School.

J. Enter Into Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing:

- the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity.

K. Adjournment.

Public comments are subject to the following provisions: Identify oneself by name and address and be brief. Ordinarily, comments shall be limited to 5 minutes. The Board President may shorten or lengthen an individual's opportunity to speak. If a number of individuals wish to address the Board on the same subject, the group is encouraged to appoint a spokesperson.

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 typically held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except July) at 7:30 p.m. Please visit the District's website (www.district96.org) for a list of meeting dates and times.

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. In order to maintain transparency and openness in our meetings, all of our discussions need to take place in public. Adhering to the agenda provides the community with an opportunity to anticipate our discussions at the meeting. 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 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/>