

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

The Boardroom, Drake Hotel, Oak Brook
Thursday, January 21, 2016, 6:30 PM

AGENDA

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call. 6:30 p.m.
- B. Enter into Closed Session with the purpose of discussing:
 - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
- C. Return to Open Session upon completion of Closed Session business. 10:00 p.m.
- D. Future Meeting Dates.
 - 1. January 22, 2016 - Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m. The Boardroom, Drake Hotel, Oak Brook, IL
 - 2. January 23, 2016 - Special Board Meeting (if necessary), 9:00 a.m. in the Learning Resource Center at Hauser Jr. High School.
 - 3. January 26, 2016 - Regular Business Meeting (Rescheduled), 6:30 p.m. in the **Blythe Park Cafeteria** at Blythe Park School. **(The Board will enter into Closed Session, if necessary, at 6:30 p.m. and return to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.).**
 - 4. February 2, 2016 - Committee of the Whole Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center at Hauser Jr. High School.
 - 5. February 16, 2016 - Regular Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center at Hauser Jr. High School. **(The Board will enter into Closed Session, if necessary, at 6:30 p.m. and return to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.).**
- E. 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.

In order to maintain transparency and openness in our meetings, all of our discussions need to take place in public. We conduct our meetings in accordance to policy 2:220 (Board of Education Meeting Procedure). 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/>