



Board of Education Regular Meeting
October 5, 2023 6:30 PM
Central Office Board Room
154 Blountville Bypass
Blountville, TN 37617

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2023
 - b. Field Trip Requests
 - c. Sullivan East HS Tractor Lease Agreement
 - d. SEHS Fuel Card
 - e. Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan
 - f. ESSER 3.0 Public Plan for Remaining Funds
 - g. SCRHD/Tobacco and Vaping Prevention Program MOU
4. Public Comment - Agenda Items
5. Communications to the Board
 - a. Director's Comments
 - a. Recognition of Level 5 Schools
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Properties
 - a. Old Holston Warehouse
 - b. Henry Harr Road
 - c. Sullivan Gardens Middle
 - b. Facilities - School Level Needs
7. New Business
 - a. Policy 1.400 School Board Meetings - Review on 1st Reading
 - b. TISA Funding Goals
 - c. Perkins Budget Amendment
 - d. Social Media Lawsuit
8. Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items
9. Board Chairman Comments
 - a. WRHS - TSBA School of the Year
 - b. Board Committees
 - c. Board Self Evaluation
 - d. November Meeting Dates
10. Adjournment

Sullivan County Board of Education

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1 The Board will transact all business at official meetings which may be either regular or special.

2 Every meeting of the Board, except with the attorney to discuss pending or threatened litigation, will
3 be open to the public.¹ Open meetings will be physically accessible to all students, employees, and
4 interested citizens.²

5 The Board may restrict the recording of Board meetings via camera, camcorder or other
6 photographic equipment when such recording creates a threat to public safety and welfare or impedes
7 the conducting of efficient and orderly public meetings.³

8 **REGULAR MEETINGS**

9 Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the
10 Board Room of Health/Education Building.

11 In instances when any regular meeting date falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be rescheduled
12 by the chair.

13 **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

14 The Board shall hold such special meetings as necessary to transact the business of the Board. Such
15 meetings shall be called by the chair whenever, in the chair's judgment, the interests of the schools
16 require it, or when requested to do so by a majority of the Board.⁴

17 Only business related to the call of the meeting, and details related to agenda items shall be discussed
18 or transacted by the Board at a special meeting.

19 **ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE⁵**

20 Absent Board members may attend a regular or special meeting by electronic means if the member is
21 absent because of work, a family emergency, or the member's military service. If a board member is
22 absent due to military service, he/she may participate electronically as often as he/she is able to do so.
23 However, a board member may not participate electronically more than two (2) times per year for
24 absences due to work and/or family emergencies.

25 *General Requirements*

26 The following requirements apply to all electronic attendance, regardless of the reason for the
27 member's absence:

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- 2 1. A quorum of the Board must be physically present at the meeting in order for any member to
- 3 attend electronically.
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- 5 2. Any member wishing to participate electronically must do so using technology which
- 6 allows the Chair to visually identify the member.
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- 8 3. The responsibility for the connection lies
- 9 with the member wishing to participate electronically. No more than three (3) attempts to
- 10 connect shall be made, unless the Board chooses to make additional attempts.

11 *Work Related Absence*

12 A board member may attend a meeting by electronic means if out of the county due to work;
13 however, he/she may only participate electronically two (2) times per year for this reason. The board
14 member shall give the Chair and Director of Schools at least five (5) days notice prior to the meeting
15 of the board member's intention to participate electronically.

16 *Sickness or Period of Convalescence*

17 A board member may attend a meeting by electronic means if sick or in a period of convalescence on
18 the advice of a healthcare professional; however, he/she may only participate electronically three (3)
19 times per year for this reason.

20 *Inclement Weather or Natural Disaster*

21 A board member may attend a meeting by electronic means due to inclement weather or natural
22 disaster if the schools in the district are closed; however, he/she may only participate electronically
23 three (3) times per year for this reason.

24 *Family Emergency*

25 A board member may attend a meeting by electronic means if there is a family emergency that
26 prevents him/her from attending in person. The absence shall be due to the hospitalization of the
27 board member or the death or hospitalization of the member's spouse, father, mother, son, daughter,
28 brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, stepdaughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law,
29 brother-in-law, or sister-in-law. The board member may only participate electronically two (2) times
30 per year for this reason.

31 *Military Service*

32 A board member may attend a meeting by electronic means if out of the county due to military
33 service. The board member may participate electronically as often as he/she is able to do so.

Legal References

1. TCA 8-44-102; TCA 49-6-804(b)
2. 28 CFR § 36.201(a); 28 CFR § 36.202
3. Tenn. Att’y Gen. Op. No. 95-126 (December 28, 1995)
4. TCA 49-2-202(c)(1)
5. TCA 49-2-203(c); Public Acts of 2023, Chapter No. 350

Cross References

School Board Legal Status and Authority 1.100
Section 504 & ADA Grievance Procedures 1.802