

AGENDA PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION

The Superintendent shall prepare all agendas for meetings of the Board. In doing so, the Superintendent shall consult with the Board.

Items to be placed in the agenda should be in the hands of the Superintendent on or before the seventh day preceding the meeting. Every Board member has the right to place items on the agenda. Items not included in the agenda may be brought before the meeting provided it is agreed to by the Board. However, the Board may choose not to deal with every agenda item.

Consistent with RSA 91-A:3 and the laws pertaining to student and family privacy rights, the Board will not place any matter on the public meeting agenda that is to be properly discussed in a non-public session. This shall not preclude the Board from giving notice of its intent to hold or enter into a non-public session and the statutory reason for doing such.

Any Board member, staff member, student, or citizen of the District may suggest items of business. The inclusion of items suggested by staff members, students, or citizens shall be at the discretion of the Board Chairperson.

The agenda shall always allow suitable time for the remarks of the members of the public who wish to speak briefly before the Board. Suggested agenda items may be brought to any Board member or Superintendent.

The Board shall follow the order of business set up by the agenda unless the order is altered by a majority vote of the members present. Items of business not on the agenda may be discussed and acted upon if a majority of the Board agrees to consider them. The Board, however, may not revise Board policies, or adopt new ones, unless such action has been scheduled, or unless there is an emergency.

The agenda, together with supporting materials, shall be distributed to Board members at least four days prior to the Board meeting. Board Members shall be expected to read the information provided them and to contact the Superintendent to request additional information that may be deemed necessary to assist them in their decision-making responsibilities.

When the final agenda has been established, it will be made available to the public, upon request. Members of the public who wish to speak at Board meetings regarding an agenda item are encouraged to contact the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting. Additionally, the Board reserves the right to limit public discussion at Board meetings to agenda items only. Supporting materials sent with the agenda are subject to disclosure by the Right-to-Know law. Therefore, both the agenda and the supporting materials may be reviewed by the public prior to the meeting. Any supporting materials that contain confidential information, which is exempt from disclosure and where the Board has a legal duty to maintain the confidentiality of the information, shall be clearly marked as confidential. Board members shall not disclose any materials marked as confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure under the Right-to-Know law.

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Statutory Reference:

RSA 91-A:2, II

RSA 91-A:5, IX.

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