

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Rationale:

The mission of Gothenburg Public Schools, in partnership with the entire community, is to prepare all students within a positive, innovative, learning environment to become lifelong learners in the 21st century.

A copy of the open meetings law is posted on the wall of the Board Room and is available to the public.

2. Approve the Agenda

Rationale: The Board reserves the right to rearrange the order of items as needed.

3. Recognition of Visitors

4. Business Items

4.1. Discussion of Personnel Issue

Rationale: The Board of Education will discuss a personnel issue. The Board may elect to enter closed session as per Board Policy 9370, Bylaws of the Board, Closed Session, if it is determined that it is "necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting."

President Wyatt will restate the purpose of entering closed session prior to asking those in attendance to leave the room.

Purpose for entering closed session is for the discussion of a personnel issue as it is determined that it is "necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and as such person has not requested a public meeting."

5. Discussion Items

6. Next Meeting

Rationale: November 10, 2014 – 7:00 PM

7. Adjournment

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD

Notification of Meetings

It shall be the policy of the Board to announce in advance through the district's legal newspaper the day, time, and place of regular or special meetings of the Board of Education.

An agenda for the meeting shall be available for inspection in the district's administrative office at 1322 Avenue I. The agenda may be altered to contain additional items at the meeting itself.

In certain situations of an emergency nature, notice of a meeting shall be posted in the High School Building, the Gothenburg Post Office, The First State Bank, and Gothenburg State Bank.

When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by means of electronic or telecommunication equipment.

Legal Reference:	R.R.S. 84-1411 79-439	Public meetings District boards; quorum; meetings open to the public; exceptions
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POLICY
ADOPTED: August, 1981
AMENDED: December, 1995
RENUMBERED: August, 2008

GOTHENBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Gothenburg, Nebraska

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOTHENBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT #20

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Gothenburg School District #20 will be holding a Special Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2015, in the Conference Room at Gothenburg High School. Such meeting will be open to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current is available for public inspection at the office of the superintendent located in the high school building.

Lisa Geiken
Secretary

*Posted on February 20, 2015 at Gothenburg State Bank, First State Bank, Gothenburg Post Office, and Gothenburg High School.

Bylaws of the Board - MeetingsClosed Sessions

The Board of Education may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. Closed sessions may be held for, but shall not be limited to, such reasons as: (a) strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, or litigation; (b) discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices; (c) investigative proceedings regarding allegations or misconduct; or (d) evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting; provided, however a closed meeting shall never be held for the purpose of discussing the appointment or election of a new member to the Board of Education.

The vote to hold a closed session shall be taken in open session. The subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to close. The entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The Board shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed portions to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken.

Any member of the Board shall have the right to challenge the continuation of a closed session if the member determines that the session has exceeded the reasons stated in the original motion to hold a closed session. Such challenge shall be overruled only by a majority vote of the members of the public body. Such challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

The term "closed session" as used in the policies, regulations and Bylaws of the District shall include within its meaning any "executive session" or "executive meeting" authorized or prescribed by said policies, regulations and Bylaws, all of said terms being interchangeable.

Legal Reference: §§84-1407 to 84-1414

Date of Adoption: November 13, 2006