

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 JR HIGH SCHOOL
Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 7:30 PM

AGENDA

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. From Superintendent and Staff.
 - 1. Student Enrollment Update.
 - 2. Library Per Capita Grant.
 - 3. 5th Grade Instrumental Music (Participation Update).
- C. From School Board Committees.
 - 1. Building/Finance.
 - 2. Education.
 - 3. Policy.
 - 4. Flexible Boundary.
 - 5. 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 Regular Business Meeting of October 19, 2010.
 - 2. Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting of October 13, 2010.
 - 3. Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting of October 19, 2010.
 - 4. Minutes of the Flexible Boundary Committee Meetings of Oct. 6 and Nov. 10, 2010.
 - 5. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of October 19, 2010.
 - 6. Approve Financial Statement as of October 31, 2010.
 - 7. General Invoices, Schedule A-703.
 - 8. Appointments, Instructional Staff, Schedule C-942.
 - 9. Personnel Report.
 - 10. Approve Maternity Leave Requests.
 - 11. Resignation of Support Staff, Schedule B-390.

G. Old Business.

1. Flexible Boundary Committee Policy Recommendations (Discussion).

H. New Business.

1. Discuss 2010 Tax Levy.
2. Approve Resolution Establishing Date, Time and Place for the Year 2010 Truth in Taxation Levy Hearing and Publication of Hearing Notice (Voice Vote).
3. Review Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Position Statements and Resolutions (Discussion).
<http://www.iasb.com/pdf/reporttomembership2010.pdf>

I. Future Meeting Dates.

1. December 14, 2010, Building/Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
2. December 14, 2010, Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

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 held the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except July) at 7:30 p.m. Please see www.district96.org for each month's meeting's location. Committee meetings (Finance, Education, or Building) are usually held prior to the Regular Meeting.

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. 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/>