

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
HAUSER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
65 WOODSIDE ROAD
RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS

Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 5:30 PM

AGENDA

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

- A. Strategic Plan Welcome. 5:30 p.m.
- B. Public Comment Throughout Meeting.
- C. Future Meeting Dates.
 - 1. March 11.
 - 2. April 8.
- D. Adjournment.

Welcome to a District 96 Standing Board Committee Meeting

What is a District 96 Board Committee?

The Board of Education establishes Committees to assist with governance, and in some situations to comply with State law requirements. These Committees report directly to the Board. Each Committee has a chairperson, and Committee members may include both Board members and non-Board members depending on the Committee's purpose. The Board President makes all Board committee appointments subject to Board approval. Board Committee Meetings shall comply with the Open Meetings Act. A Board Committee may not take final action on behalf of the Board – it may only make recommendations to the Board.

Committees shall operate under the following guidelines:

1. The President and the Committee members shall establish the Committee's meeting dates, time and place.
2. The Superintendent may attend all Committee meetings.

District 96 Board Committees include:

1. Special Board Committees.
2. Standing Board Committees.
3. Superintendent Committees.

What is a District 96 Standing Board Committee?

A Standing Board Committee is created for an indefinite term although its members will fluctuate. District 96 Standing Board Committees are:

1. Education – The Education Committee meets regularly to ensure an integrated, Mission-compliant K-8 curriculum supported by a relevant professional development program throughout the District. This Committee reports and makes recommendations to the Board of Education.
2. Finance – The Finance Committee meets regularly to analyze the current and future conditions of the District and promotes the responsible stewardship of the District's financial and property resources. This Committee reports and makes recommendations to the Board of Education.
3. Policy – The Policy Committee meets regularly to develop district policies and to revise existing policies. It also considers recommended policy updates from the Illinois Association of School Boards. This Committee reports and makes recommendations to the Board of Education.

What happens at a Committee Meeting?

The Committee chairperson and the Superintendent develop a meeting agenda that is posted on the District 96 website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. District staff may provide updates to the Committee with respect to items on the agenda. In order to maintain transparency and openness in our meetings, all of our discussions need to take place in public. Adhering to the agenda provides the community with an opportunity to anticipate our discussions at the meeting. There is an opportunity for Public Comment during every Committee Meeting. The Committee uses this time to listen to community questions and concerns, but may not respond immediately to individual requests and cannot take action on non-agenda items. Comments pertaining to individual students or staff are not permitted.

How to contact a Standing Board Committee Member?

The current list of Standing Board Committee Assignments as well as Board member email addresses can be found on the School Board page on the District 96 website @ www.district96.org .

For more information:

Please visit <http://www.district96.org/school-board/> and <http://www.district96.org/school-board/board-policy-manual>.