

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Board of education meetings shall be a primary means of sharing information with community members and inviting their comments and suggestions. Regular and special meetings of the board of education are open to the public and representatives of the media, except when, by resolution at the public meeting, the board excludes the public from those parts of a meeting which deal with matters held confidential in accordance with law.

The Jersey City Board of Education welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals and will schedule time as appropriate for the public to speak. The length of time scheduled for public discussion shall be stated in the agenda, together with any time limit proposed for individual speakers. The board shall ensure that public speakers adhere to the time limits.

The board will not permit unnecessary or undesirable identification of district students at public or board of education meetings, particularly when the student is subject to disciplinary action, or has been identified as having a disability. A special confidential file shall be kept of the names of students with disabilities on whose behalf the board must take public action. An unidentifiable coding shall be used when referring to the student.

Proper decorum shall be maintained at all times. The board shall not permit disrespectful conduct to, or by, board members, the superintendent and staff.

Comments and questions at the end of regular and special meetings may deal with any topic related to the board's conduct of the schools. Advance announcement of all regular, scheduled special, and specially called meetings of the board is made through newspapers and other appropriate media outlets.

The board shall include a discussion of the School Ethics Act and the Code of Ethics for School Board members annually at a regularly scheduled public meeting.

In a regular meeting by September 30 of each year, the superintendent shall report to the board the number of students graduated and the number of students denied graduation from the prior 12th grade class. This report shall include the number of students graduated under the special education and special review assessment procedures outlined in administrative code.

In a regular board meeting by October 30 of each year, the superintendent shall provide a report which includes information on the following topics:

- A. The status of all capital projects in the school district's long range plan;
- B. The maximum permitted amount of the school district's reserve account;
- C. Implementation of school-level plans;
- D. Achievement of performance objectives;
- E. Each school report card, including student performance results and student behavior data;
- F. Professional development activities;
- G. Condition of school facilities;
- H. Status of mandated program reviews;

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS (continued)

- I. Community support data as detailed in the administrative code;
- J. The assignment plan for certified and noncertified nurses developed by the school district.

Other items presented at board meetings must include, but are not limited to:

- A. Presentation of audit report;
- B. Presentation of budget;
- C. Student attendance;
- D. Graduation and dropout statistics; other demographic data;
- E. Mandated inservice programs.

In addition, two times each school year between September 1 and January 1 and between January 1 and June 30, the school board shall hold a public hearing at which the superintendent will report to the board of education all acts of violence, vandalism, and harassment, intimidation, or bullying (HIB) which occurred during the previous reporting period. The report shall include the number of HIB reports in the schools, the status of all investigations, the nature of the HIB, and other data required by law.

Adopted: June 16, 2011
 NJSBA Review/Update: February 2013
 Readopted: October 17, 2013

Key Words

Board of Education Meetings, Reporting to the Public, Communicating with the Public, Confidentiality

<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-6 <i>et seq.</i> <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-7 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:10-6 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:12-21 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:17-46 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:22-10 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:22-13 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:23-5 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:37-13 <i>et seq.</i> <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-5.2(e) <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-1.1 <i>et seq.</i> <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-5.1 <i>et seq.</i> See particularly: <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-5.2, 5.3 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-14.1 <i>et seq.</i> <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26 See particularly: <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-2.2(a) <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <i>et seq.</i> See particularly: <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-3.2 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-3.2	<u>Open Public Meetings Act</u> School administrators report on students awarded or denied diplomas Board meetings public; frequency; hours of commencement; adjournment, etc., for lack of quorum <u>School Ethics Act</u> Act of violence; report by school employee; notice of action taken; annual report Fixing day, etc., for public hearing Public hearing; objectives; heard, etc. Meeting of board; discussion of report <u>Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act</u> High school diplomas Special Education School safety plans Capital reserve Educational Facilities Completion of long range facilities plans Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts Requirements for the Code of Ethics for
---------------------------------	--	---

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS (continued)

File Code: 1120

<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-12.1	district board of education members and charter school board of trustee members
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-12.2	Reporting requirements
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-13.1	School-level planning
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-13.2	School attendance
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-14.1	Dropouts
	Review of mandated programs and services

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u> *1100	Communicating with the public
*2240	Research, evaluation and planning
*3100	Budget planning, preparation and adoption
*3570	District records and reports
*3571.4	Audit
*4131/4131.1	Staff Development, Inservice Education, Visitations Conferences
*4231/4231.1	Staff Development, Inservice Education, Visitations Conferences
*5131.5	Vandalism/violence
*5145.5	Photographs of students
*6142.2	English as a second language; bilingual/bicultural
*6142.6	Basic skills
*6171.1	Remedial instruction
*6171.3	At-risk and Title 1
*6171.4	Special education
*9322	Public and executive sessions
*9323/9324	Agenda preparation/advance delivery of meeting material
*9326	Minutes

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.