

203.5 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide procedures for the preparation of the school board meeting agenda to ensure that the school board can accomplish its business as efficiently and expeditiously as possible.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of the school board that school board meetings shall be conducted in a manner to allow the school board to accomplish its business while allowing reasoned debate and discussion of each matter to be acted upon.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the school board chair and superintendent to develop, prepare and arrange the order of items for the tentative school board meeting agenda for each school board meeting.
- B. Persons wishing to place an item on the agenda must make a request to the school board chair or superintendent six days prior to the school board meeting. The person making the request is encouraged to state the person's name, address, purpose of the item, action desired and pertinent background information. The chair and superintendent shall determine whether to place the matter on the tentative agenda.
- C. The tentative agenda and supporting documents shall be sent to the school board members five (5) days prior to the scheduled school board meeting.
- D. Items may only be added to the agenda by a motion adopted at the meeting. If an added item is acted upon, the minutes of the school board meeting shall include a description of the matter.
- E. At least one copy of any printed materials relating to the agenda items of the meeting prepared or distributed by or at the direction of the school board or its employees and: (i) distributed at the meeting to all members of the governing body; (ii) distributed before the meeting to all members; or (iii) shall be available in the meeting room for inspection by the public while the school board considers their subject matter. This does not apply to materials classified by law as other than public or to materials relating to the agenda items of a closed meeting.

IV. VOTING PROCEDURES AT BOARD MEETINGS

- A. A majority vote of the Board Members present and casting votes of "Yes" or "No" is the legal and official action of that body, and should be supported by members as such. A member voting in opposition to the majority, however, has a legal right to the recording of his/her vote in the official Board minutes. Voting on decisions shall be oral unless otherwise specified.
- B. A roll call vote may be requested by any Board Member or at the discretion of the Board Chairperson.
- C. A member may abstain from voting on a particular ballot by casting a "present" or "abstain" as his/her vote is called for. If that vote is re-cast at a later time, he/she may then re-record his/her vote.
- D. The Chairperson shall be a voting member of the Board.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 7 (School Board Powers)
Minn. Stat. § 13D.01, Subd. 6 (Open Meeting Law)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203 (Operation of the School Board – Governing Rules)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203.2 (Order of the Regular School Board Meeting)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203.6 (Consent Agendas)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 204 (School Board Meeting Minutes)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 207 (Public Hearings)