

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
A. F. Ames Elementary School
Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOPTION OF 2009-10 BUDGET

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of 2009-10 Budget.
Public Comment/Statement.
- C. Adjournment.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.
- B.1. Public Comment/Statement.
 - a. Update, FOIA Request.
- 2. Riverside Education Council.
- 3. CONSENT AGENDA (Roll Call Vote)
 - a. Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of August 18, 2009.
 - b. Minutes of the Closed Session of August 18, 2009.
 - c. Approval of the Financial Statement as of August 31, 2009.
 - d. General Invoices, Schedule A-690.
 - e. Resignation, Support Staff – Schedule B-381.
 - f. Appointment of Support Staff – Schedule C-927.
 - g. Request for Maternity Leave.
 - h. Renew Demographer Contract.
 - i. Application for Recognition of Schools.
- 4. Old Business.
 - a. Approval – 2009-10 District Goals.
 - b. Approval – 2009-10 Board Agenda Calendar.
- 5. New Business.
 - a. Appoint Committee Members for a Special Board Committee to Investigate Flexible Boundary Policy.
 - b. Action – Presentation of 2009-10 Legal Budget and Adoption of Resolution. (Roll Call Vote)
 - c. Approval - 1st Reading of Board Policy 2:220: Board of Education Meeting Procedures.
 - d. Approval - 1st Reading of Board Policy Exhibit 2:220-E4: Open Meeting Minutes.

- e. Approval - 1st Reading of Board Policy 2:240: Board Policy Development.
- C.1. From Superintendent and Staff.
 - a. Opening of School Reports.
 - b. 2009-10 Student Enrollment Update.
 - c. Organizational Chart (Information).
- C.2. From School Board Committees.
 - a. Building.
 - b. Education.
 - c. Finance.
- D. Future Meeting Dates.
 - a. September 21, 2009, Building Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center at Hauser Jr. High School.
 - b. October 20, 2009, Education Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Hollywood Elementary School.
 - c. October 20, 2009, Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hollywood Elementary School.
- E. Recommend an Executive Session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
- F. Adjournment.

Public comments on non-agenda items 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 serves, without pay, 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 and evaluates the superintendent. These responsibilities are carried out in cooperation with the superintendent and district staff. **Individual Board members** cannot make binding decisions or issue official statements. They may offer personal opinions on district matters, but authority is vested in the Board acting as a whole in its official capacity.

What happens at a Regular Board Meeting?

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

Many types of business occur during a Regular Meeting. The superintendent (the district's CEO and Business Manager) and district staff **inform** the Board and the public about such topics as district finances, facilities, goals and initiatives, the progress and needs of particular grades or schools. The superintendent may **recommend** specific actions to the Board regarding these or other areas. Board members **discuss** these reports and recommendations as well as board policies or initiatives. **Votes** on policies, programs and expenditures must occur in **open session**, i.e., in the presence of the public.

At some meetings, the Board will adjourn into **closed session**, i.e., apart from the public. The law restricts closed session to business concerning personnel issues, student discipline, litigation or land acquisition. These sessions are recorded.

There is an opportunity for **Public Comment** at the beginning of every Board Meeting. Because the Board may be unable to respond adequately to your remarks at that time, if you would like follow-up or a more extended response, please contact the Board (see below). Only matters pertaining to an individual student or staff member are off-limits during Public Comment.

How do I contact the Board?

You may send an **email** to boardofed@district96.org and your message will be forwarded to all members. Or **call** individual members at the numbers listed in the district calendar. Please feel free to contact the Board with your questions, concerns or comments. We will make every effort to respond in a timely manner.

Thank you for attending tonight and for your dedication to the success of District 96.