

● Board of Education

The Board is the official policy-making body of the School District. The Board is composed of nine members, elected by the District residents, who serve three year terms of office without pay.



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● SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Superintendent of Schools serves as Chief Executive Officer of the District, providing educational leadership to the Board of Education, staff, students, and community. Responsibilities include supervising the operation of the schools, the instructional program, and management of district personnel. The Superintendent also advises the Board on the needs and programs of the school and is responsible for the administration of all policies adopted by the Board.

Superintendent of Schools

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● Meeting Schedule*

2023-2024

Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and take place primarily in the High School Library*.

July 12, 2023

August 2, 2023

August 23, 2023

September 13, 2023

October 18, 2023

November 15, 2023

December 13, 2023

January 3, 2024

January 17, 2024

February 7, 2024

February 28, 2024

March 6, 2024

March 20, 2024

April 10, 2024

April 24, 2024

May 8, 2024

May 22, 2024

June 12, 2024

*This is the general schedule and is subject to change. We urge community members to visit our website on the day of the scheduled meeting for details specific to that meeting. At times, Board of Education Meetings may contain presentations that alter the location, schedule or start times.

MORE INFORMATION

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WELCOME TO A MEETING OF OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION



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Welcome to the Meeting

The RCS Board of Education welcomes residents, staff members, students, and other interested persons to its meetings. We appreciate your interest in, and concern for, our schools. School Board meetings are held on specific Wednesdays throughout the year at 6:00 o.m., primarily in the RCS High School Library. At the Board table are members of the Board, the Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, the School Business Manager, and the District Clerk.

How Board Meetings are Conducted

The Board President chairs the meeting. The meetings are conducted as a business meeting with the Board following the agenda. The Board conducts its business through motion, discussion and voting.

Agenda

Copies of the agenda, which outline the order of business, are available to the public at each meeting, can be printed off our website, and are distributed to Board members in advance of the meeting date to allow time for study and review of information.

During the business meeting, it may appear as if some items are being voted upon with little or no discussion. However, this is not always the case as some items have appeared on a previous agenda or may have been discussed at length at a special meeting or in executive session.

Sample Meeting Agenda

Call to order
Executive Session (at any time during the meeting, if needed)
Awards, Honors, Recognitions, & Special Presentations
Hearing & Petitions
Business Considerations
Personnel Considerations
Information Item
Special Reports
New Business
Old Business
BOE Committee Reports
Policy Adoption/Review
Hearing & Petitions
Upcoming Activities
Motion to adjourn

Participating at Board Meetings

Meetings of the Board are open to the public but are not public meetings. The Board does, however, provide time for input from the public during hearings and petitions. The first hearings and petitions are limited to discussion about items listed on the agenda. The second hearings and petitions are not limited to items on the agenda. The Board may need to limit the time for public participation in order to give adequate time and attention to regular business meeting agenda items.

Public Comment: The Board encourages public comment at Board Meetings.

- Members of the public who wish to address the Board should have already contacted, and sought resolution, with the person or person directly responsible for their area of concern. Example: teacher, principal, assistant superintendent, superintendent. Please see our Who to Contact and When Guide on our website.
- Persons wishing to speak should indicate so on a public input form found at the sign-in table. Each person may comment to the Board one time at each meeting.
- At the Public Input portion of the meeting, the Board President will introduce the speaker and ask the person to move to the podium and introduce themselves and any organization they may be representing at the meeting.
- Comments must be limited to three minutes.
- The board does not generally respond immediately to issues raised, but may ask clarification questions.
- After the Board has asked questions (if any) the speaker is thanked and they will leave the podium.
- The Board will direct the administration to research the concerns presented and to follow up as needed. Generally, there is no discussion between the speaker and the Board.
- The Board will not deliberate or take action regarding requests presented at this meeting.
- The topics may also be presented at a subsequent meeting if public follow-up is required.
- Comments may not include topics that would ordinarily be addressed in Executive Session (see below for details)

Executive Session

The Board meets in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, labor negotiations, and other matters that are confidential, as defined by the Open Meeting Law of the State of New York. Topics that fall properly under Executive Session will not be discussed in public session, including comments about individual students or personnel. Executive sessions may only be held by resolution at a regularly scheduled and advertised open meeting. All executive sessions are closed to the public and no official action may be taken unless permitted by law.

Board of Education Workshops

In addition to its regular meetings, the board may hold workshops. Workshops are planning sessions at which the Superintendent of Schools offers reports and information regarding the management of the School District to the Board of Education. During workshops, Board members have the opportunity to study and discuss specific topics in depth and to review items to be acted upon at future business meetings. Workshops are open to the public and the public may observe deliberations but may not participate. The Board will not vote on any items during workshops.

Responsibilities of the Board

The Board of Education is responsible for establishing the quality of education in the District. The Board:

- Establishes the policies for the operation of the District.
- Recruits and hires the superintendent.
- Sets goals and targets to achieve educational progress.
- Monitors the effectiveness of district programs and services.
- Adopts and monitors a budget consistent with educational needs and community resources.
- Acts on recommendations set forth by the superintendent regarding financial, personnel/operational, and curriculum items.

Board members only have power when acting as the Board of Education, not as individuals.

Questions

Community residents having questions regarding specific aspects of the schools' programs may obtain the best information by talking directly with a students' teacher or building principal. Residents who need information on a district-wide program or special concern may contact the Superintendent.