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

Comments and questions at the end of regular meetings may deal with any topic related to the board's conduct of the schools. Comments at special meetings must be related to the call of the meeting. 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 chief school administrator shall report to the board the number of pupils graduated and the number of pupils denied graduation from the prior 8th grade class. This report shall include the number of pupils 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 chief school administrator 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 pupil performance results and student behavior data;
- F. Professional development activities;
- G. Condition of school facilities;
- H. Status of mandated program reviews;
- 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. Dropout statistics; other demographic data;
- E. Mandated in-service programs.

In addition, the board shall conduct a public hearing to allow the chief school administrator to report to the board all acts of violence and vandalism that occurred during the previous school year.

In order to properly respect the audience and the smooth operation of the board, members of the Oxford Township Board of Education will refrain from using their cell phones or other electronic devices during the meeting. This clause may be waived after discussion with the Board President.

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Legal References:

Monitored: Quality Single Accountability Continuum

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-6 <i>et seq.</i>	Open Public Meetings Act
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:7C-7	School administrators report on students awarded or denied diplomas
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:10-6	Board meetings public; frequency; hours of commencement; adjournment, etc., for lack of quorum
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:12-21	School Ethics Act
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:17-46	Act of violence; report by school employee; notice of action taken; annual report
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:22-10	Fixing day, etc., for public hearing
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:22-13	Public hearing; objectives; heard, etc.
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:23-5	Meeting of board; discussion of report
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-5.2(e)	High school diplomas
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-1.1 <i>et seq.</i>	Special Education
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-5.1 <i>et seq.</i>	School safety plans
<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>	Capital reserve
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26	Educational Facilities
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26-2.2(a)	Completion of long range facilities plans
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <i>et seq.</i>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-3.2	--replaces QAAR with QSAC
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-3.2	Requirements for the Code of Ethics for district board of education members and charter school board of trustee members
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-12.1	Reporting requirements
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-12.2	School-level planning
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-13.1	School attendance

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-13.2

Dropouts

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-14.1

Review of mandated programs and services

1120

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	Staff Development, In-service Education, Visitations Conferences
	5131.5	Vandalism/violence
	5145.5	Photographs of pupils
	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
	9010	Role of the Board
	9271	Code of Ethics

Key Words

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