



**THE ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**... WELCOMES YOU AND APPRECIATES
YOUR INTEREST IN OUSD SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education cordially invites you to attend Board meetings and to take an active role in the educational affairs of your community. The decisions of your elected officials affect your child, your child's future, the well-being of the community and, to a greater extent, the welfare of our country.

Board of Education/Superintendent

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Mission Statement

The Orange Unified School District, being committed to planning for continual improvement, will offer a learning environment of excellence, with high expectations, to provide each student with the opportunity to be able to compete in the global economy.

Regular Meetings

Regular Board meetings are scheduled on a Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the OUSD Education Center, 1401 N. Handy St., Bldg. H. **Open Session** is for conducting the business of the District. **Closed Session** is for matters dealing with students and employees to provide confidentiality as required by law. Other closed session topics include: pending litigation, property negotiations, and labor negotiations.

Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called at any time by the presiding officer or a majority of the Board. Agendas for **special meetings** are posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Only the business as indicated on the special meeting agenda may be considered at special meetings. The public will be provided an opportunity to address the item described.

Emergency Meetings

When the Board determines that an emergency situation exists, an **emergency meeting** may be called. An emergency meeting may be held without complying with the 24-hour notice or posting requirement for special meetings pursuant to Government Code 54956. The Board shall comply with all other requirements for a special meeting during an emergency meeting.

Agendas

Agendas contain a brief description of each item of business to be discussed or transacted at the meeting. Copies of the agenda are available in the Superintendent's Office at the District Education Center and posted on the District's website at www.orangeusd.k12.ca.us/board/calendar.asp.

Consent Items are routine in nature and generally require no discussion. These items are acted upon by one motion; however, any such item may be considered separately at a Board member's request. **Action Items** are acted upon separately. **Information/Discussion Items** do not require Board action. The Board may take action only on those items listed in the printed agenda, except for emergencies.

A member of the public may request that a matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board be placed on the agenda of a regular meeting. The request must be in writing and submitted to the Superintendent at least ten working days before the scheduled meeting.

Public Comment

The Board of Education welcomes input from the public. Persons wishing to address the Board are requested to fill out a Public Comment *blue card* available at the meeting and submit it to the Board Clerk prior to the start of open session.

Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker with a maximum of twenty (20) minutes per topic. With Board consent, the Board President may modify the time allowed for public presentation. **Power Point and computer presentations are not allowed.** A speaker may not relinquish his/her time to another. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name, speak from the podium, and adhere to applicable time limits.

Speakers will be called upon at the appropriate time during the meeting. Agenda items may be addressed during the Board's consideration of the item. Non-agenda items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board may be addressed during the **Public Comment** section. Non-agenda items may **not** be acted on or discussed by the Board, but will be researched and responded to in any one of the following ways: 1) by telephone; 2) by mail; or 3) at a subsequent Board meeting as an agenda item.

No boisterous conduct shall be permitted at any Board meeting. Persistent boisterous conduct shall be grounds for summary termination by the Board President of that person's privilege of address. Any person who willfully disturbs any public school or any public school meeting is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). (CEC § 32210)

Complaints against employees or students will normally be heard in closed session and the District's complaint procedure should be followed before discussion with the Board.

Requests for Information

Requests for information shall be made in writing and submitted to the Superintendent's Office. There is a nominal charge of \$.10 per page for copies of public records.



Any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to participate in a Board meeting may request assistance by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 714.628.4487; fax: 714.628.4041.