



**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.

Board Meetings

Regular Board meetings are scheduled on the second and/or fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Orange Unified School District Education Center, 1401 North Handy Street, Bldg. H. The purpose of the Board meeting is to conduct business. This is done in **Open Session**. Matters dealing with students and employees are reserved for **Closed Session** to provide confidentiality as required by law. Other Closed Session topics include: pending litigation, property negotiations and collective bargaining issues with employee associations.

Special Board Meetings

Meeting notices for **special meetings** are posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting and shall indicate the business to be transacted at the meeting. No other business shall be considered at the special meeting. The public will be provided an opportunity to address the item described in the notice.

Emergency Board Meetings

When the Board determines that an emergency situation exists, it may call an **emergency meeting**. The Board may hold an emergency meeting without complying with the 24-hour notice or 24-hour 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 to be discussed or transacted at the meeting. Copies of the agenda are available in the Superintendent's Office, Bldg. B, at the District Education Center or on the web site 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. Board members may ask questions or request that staff make a presentation before voting on an item. **Information/ Discussion Items** do not require action by the Board. The Board may take action only on those items listed in the printed agenda, except for emergencies.

Any member of the public may request that a matter within the 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 date.

Addressing the Board

Persons wishing to address the Board are requested to fill out a Public Comment *blue card* available at the meeting on the information table. The "Public Comment" card should be submitted to the Superintendent or 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 for the record and address the Board from the podium. If the topic has been previously addressed, it is requested that the speaker's remarks be limited to **new points only**.

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. Items **not on the agenda** that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction may be addressed during the Public Comment section. Items not on the agenda 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 after research; 2) by mail after research; 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 will normally be heard in Closed Session. 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.



Orange Unified is a tobacco-free school district. Tobacco use on District property is prohibited at all times.

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.