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203.5 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide procedures for the preparation of the school board meeting agenda to ensure that the school board can accomplish its business as efficiently and expeditiously as possible.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of the school board is that school board meetings shall be conducted in a manner to allow the school board to accomplish its business while allowing reasoned debate and discussion of each matter to be acted upon.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. While all school board members may provide input, it shall be the responsibility of the school board chair and superintendent to develop, prepare, and arrange the order of items for the tentative school board meeting agenda for each school board meeting.
- B. Persons wishing to place an item on the agenda must make a request to the school board chair or superintendent in a timely manner. The person making the request is encouraged to state the person's name, address, purpose of the item, action desired, and pertinent background information. The chair and superintendent shall determine whether to place the matter on the tentative agenda.

[Note: The Minnesota Commissioner of Administration has issued an opinion that a government entity is limited to acting only on those matters specifically included in the notice of a special meeting.]

- C. The tentative agenda and supporting documents shall be sent to the school board members (3) days prior to the scheduled school board meeting.
- D. Items may only be added to the agenda by a motion adopted at the meeting. If an added item is acted upon, the minutes of the school board meeting shall include a description of the matter.
- E. The agenda will be digital on Google, including links to needed reports/documents. It will be housed on the school website. The digital agenda link will be emailed to all board members, and a paper copy of the agenda will be posted in a designated location at both school buildings before the deadline mentioned in letter C. This does not apply to materials classified by law as other than public materials relating to the agenda items of a closed meeting.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 13D.01, Subd. 6 (Open Meeting Law)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09, Subd. 7 (Boards of Independent School Districts)
Dept. of Admin. Advisory Op. No. 10-013 (April 29, 2010)
Dept. of Admin. Advisory Op. No. 08-015 (July 9, 2008)
Dept. of Admin. Advisory Op. No. 13-015 (December 23, 2013)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203 (Operation of the School Board – Governing Rules)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203.2 (Order of the Regular School Board Meeting)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 203.6 (Consent Agendas)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 204 (School Board Meeting Minutes)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 207 (Public Hearings)