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SUBJECT: REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS AND RULES (QUORUM AND PARLIAMETARY PROCEDURE)

All Board meetings will be open to the public except those portions of the meetings which qualify as executive sessions. Reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that all meetings are held in an appropriate facility which can adequately accommodate any and all members of the public who wish to attend.

Whenever such a meeting is to take place, there must be at least 72 hours advance notice in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law. Notice of other meetings will be given as soon as is practicable in accordance with law. When the District has the ability to do so, notice of the time and place of a meeting will be conspicuously posted on the District's website.

District records available to the public under FOIL, as well as any proposed rule, regulation, policy or amendment, scheduled to be discussed at a Board meeting, will be made available upon request, to the extent practicable, prior to the meeting. Copies of such records may be made available for a reasonable fee. These records will be posted on the website to the extent practicable, prior to the meeting.

If videoconferencing or online technology is used to conduct a meeting, the public notice for the meeting will inform the public that videoconferencing will be used, identify all the locations for the meeting, and state that the public has the right to attend the meeting at any of the locations. Voting may be done through videoconferencing, provided that members can be both seen and heard voting and participating from remote locations.

Regular meetings of the Board of the District will take place on the day and time designated by the Board at the Annual Organizational Meeting, except as modified at subsequent meetings of the Board.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to prepare the agenda and review it with the Board President for each meeting of the Board. The agenda for each meeting will be prepared during the week prior to the meeting. The agenda will be distributed to Board members no later than the Friday before such regular meeting. Whenever the President or other members of the Board wish to bring a matter to the attention of the Board, this request should be made to the Superintendent so that it can be placed on the agenda. Whenever individuals or groups wish to bring a matter to the attention of the Board, this request must be addressed in writing to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will present this matter to the Board.

The District Clerk will notify the members of the Board in advance of each regular meeting. This notice, in writing, will include an agenda and the time of the meeting.

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In the event that a meeting date falls on a legal holiday, interferes with other area meetings, or there is an inability to attend the meeting by Board members to the extent that a quorum would not be present, the Board will select a date for a postponed meeting at the previous regular meeting, and will direct the Clerk to notify all members.

Any meeting of the Board may be adjourned to a given future date and hour if voted by a majority of the Board present.

The Superintendent and members of his or her staff at the Superintendent's discretion will attend all meetings of the Board. The Superintendent will attend all executive session meetings of the Board except those that concern his or her evaluation, employment status, and salary determination. The Board may request the attendance of such additional persons as it desires.

Recording of Meetings

The Board recognizes that advances in technology allow public meetings to be photographed, broadcast, webcast and/or otherwise recorded, by means of audio or video, in a non-disruptive manner and supports the use of such technology to facilitate the open communication of public business.

Public Expression at Meetings

Public expression at Board meetings is encouraged and a specific portion of the agenda for such meetings will provide for this privilege of the floor. Participants will limit their presentation to three minutes and issues addressed must be exclusive of personalities and personnel. At its discretion, the Board may invite visitors to its meetings to participate in the Board's discussion of matters on the agenda.

Quorum

The quorum for any meeting of the Board will be four members. No formal action will be taken at any meeting at which a quorum is not present. Unless otherwise required by law, official action will only be taken by approval of the majority of the full Board.

Use of Parliamentary Procedure

The business of the Board will be conducted in accordance with the authoritative principles of parliamentary procedure as found in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

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Education Law §§ 1708 and 2504

General Construction Law § 41

Public Officers Law Article 7, §§ 103(d), 104 and 107

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #1520 -- Special Meetings of the Board of Education
#1540 -- Executive Sessions
#6211 -- Employment of Relatives of Board Members

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