

**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 Passaic Board of Education 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 students at public or board of education meetings, particularly when the student is subject to disciplinary action, or has been identified as having a disability. A special confidential file shall be kept of the names of students with disabilities on whose behalf the board must take public action. An unidentifiable coding shall be used when referring to the student.

Comments and questions during regular and special meetings may deal with any topic related to the board's conduct of the schools. 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 superintendent shall report to the board the number of students graduated and the number of students denied graduation from the prior 12<sup>th</sup> grade class. This report shall include the number of students graduated under the special education and special review assessment procedures outlined in administrative code. In addition, the superintendent shall report to the board dropout statistics.

In a regular board meeting by October 30 of each year, the superintendent will 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. School-Implementation Program (SIP);
- D. Achievement of performance objectives;

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- E. Each school performance report;
- F. Condition of school facilities;
- G. The assignment plan for certified and noncertified nurses developed by the school district.
- H. Student attendance and demographic data;
- I. Mandated inservice programs and professional development activities.

Other items presented at board meetings must include, but are not limited to:

- A. Presentation of audit report;
- B. Presentation of budget;

In addition, two times each school year between September 1 and January 1 and between January 1 and June 30, the school board shall hold a public hearing at which the superintendent will report to the board of education all acts of violence, vandalism, and harassment, intimidation, or bullying (HIB) which occurred during the previous reporting period. The report shall include the number of HIB reports in the schools, the status of all investigations, the nature of the HIB, and other data required by law.

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<b><u>Legal References:</u></b>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-6 <u>et seq.</u>	<u>Open Public Meetings Act</u>
	<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	<u>School Ethics Act</u>
	<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.S.A.</u> 18A:37-13 <u>et seq.</u>	<u>Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act</u>
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-5.2(e)	High school diplomas
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Special Education
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-5.1 <u>et seq.</u>	School safety plans
	<b><u>See particularly:</u></b>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-5.2, 5.3		
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-14.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Capital reserve	

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<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:26	Educational Facilities
<b><u>See particularly:</u></b>	
<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 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
<b><u>See particularly:</u></b>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-3.2	
<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	School attendance

**Possible****Cross References:**

*1100	Communicating with the public
*2240	Research, evaluation and planning
*3100	Budget planning, preparation and adoption
*3570	District records and reports
*3571.4	Audit
*4131/4131.1	Staff Development, Inservice Education, Visitations Conferences
*4231/4231.1	Staff Development, Inservice Education, Visitations Conferences
*5131.5	Vandalism/violence
*5145.5	Photographs of students
*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

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.