

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Roll call**
At least three Board members must be present before we can conduct our meeting.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
We ask the audience to join us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Discussion and Approval of Minutes**
The Board ensures that the minutes of its most recent meetings are accurate and approves the minutes as its official record of proceedings.
- 4. Announcements**
A designated Board member offers several announcements of general interest to the public.
- 5. District Highlights and Recognitions**
The Board offers its congratulations for outstanding achievements.
- 6. Approval of Financial Reports and Investments**
The district's financial matters are addressed at this time.
- 7. Reports**
District officials may make formal presentations to the Board on predetermined topics of mutual interest.
- 8. Public Comments Relative to Agenda Items**
Individuals who have signed up prior to the meeting may address the Board on specific agenda items.
- 9. Recommended Action: Personnel/Consent Calendar**
Board members approve recommended personnel actions under a single motion unless a member of the Board or Superintendent request that an item be voted on separately.
- 10. Old Business**
The Board takes action on items appearing on previous agendas.
- 11. Standing Business**
The Board takes action on items with regular recurrence.
- 12. New Business**
The Board hears items being presented for the first time.
- 13. Public Comments**
Individuals who have signed up prior to the meeting may address the Board on any district-related topic not on the agenda.
- 14. Board Comments**
Any Board member may use this as an opportunity to share information that is of general interest to the public.
- 15. Dates, Times and Locations of Next Meetings**
The Board announces its upcoming schedule.
- 16. Adjournment**
The Board meeting officially ends.

Vision

Our vision is to be the benchmark of educational excellence.

Mission

Our mission is to prepare students to contribute to the competitive and changing world in which we live.

Values

The Westerville School District and those who represent it acknowledge that an educational institution must promote, uphold and reflect the values for which it stands, as well as those for which its community stands, in all work and learning environments under its care. Driven by a vision to be the benchmark of educational excellence, the Westerville School District strives daily to exemplify the following organizational values:

Respect
Inclusiveness
Community
Communication
Collaboration
Innovation
Nurturing
Trust
Accountability

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WELCOME to Tonight's Board Meeting

All of us on the School Board and Superintendent/CEO Dr. J. Daniel Good want you to know that you are always welcome to attend our meetings.

All of our regular Board meetings are open, public sessions. News reporters are also notified about the meetings so everyone can be informed of Board actions.

We typically meet at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month. However, we occasionally have to change meeting dates or start times, or hold special meetings when district matters need our immediate attention.

Board meetings rotate to different locations around the district. A list of meeting dates, times and locations can be obtained by visiting www.wcsoh.org and clicking Board of Education.

BOARD GOALS

GOAL 1:

Every student achieves educational success.

- Provide a context so that every student has the opportunity to reach his/her highest potential.
- Create a framework to allow students to be prepared for economic self-sufficiency beyond formal schooling.

GOAL 2:

Learning and working environments are safe, nurturing and efficient.

Based on the needs, expectations and priorities of our students, staff and community, our customers:

- Create and maintain environments that inspire and support successful learning and delivery of educational services.
- Deliver quality services that satisfy the customer.

GOAL 3:

The best staff are recruited, selected, developed and retained.

- Select highly qualified staff.
- Support and develop the specific performance of each staff member.
- Link staff performance with the success of the district.

GOAL 4:

Community, parents, students and staff are engaged as partners in education.

- An aligned communication plan engages the district's staff and community, develops a mutual understanding of each other's needs, and results in support for district and community initiatives.

GOAL 5:

Financial resources are maximized to support educational success.

- Seek alternative funding sources.
- Improve internal processes to maximize efficiencies.
- Use all resources wisely.

WE WANT YOUR COMMENTS

If you want to speak to the Board this evening, we will provide time for you to do so. We want to hear everyone's concerns and compliments, so we have two simple rules for public comments:

1. You must sign up on one or both of the speaker lists prior to the start of the Board meeting. One list is to speak about items on the Board agenda, and the other is to speak about non-agenda topics. The lists are available on a table located to the audience's right.
2. Each speaker, after providing his or her name and address, may speak for five minutes.

HANDLING CONCERNS

The Board will not publicly discuss concerns about individual employees. However, such concerns may be brought to the Board during an Executive Session. Prior to requesting such a meeting, we ask that you please follow proper protocol for having your concerns addressed:

1. Share your concerns directly with the employee and work toward a mutual resolution.
2. If you are unable to come to a mutual resolution, share your concerns with the building principal or the employee's supervisor and attempt to work toward a solution.
3. If the building principal/supervisor is unable to resolve the issue, contact the district administrative offices at 797-5700 to identify and speak with the person to whom the principal/supervisor reports.
4. If the district administrator is unable to assist you, contact the Superintendent's Office at 797-5713.

WHO WE ARE

Board members are school district residents who have been nominated for the position by petition. They're elected at the November general election in odd-numbered years. The Board meets during the first 15 days of January to elect a president and vice-president for the coming year, and to appoint members to various standing committees.



Kristi Robbins
President



Jeff Gale
Vice-President



Cindy Crowe
Board Member



Kevin Hoffman
Board Member



Denise Pope
Board Member

WHAT WE DO

As school board members, we:

- make rules and regulations necessary for the government of the school district, its employees, the students and all persons on our school property;
- hire a superintendent and treasurer and invest each with the authority to run the school district as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively;
- act on personnel and policies as recommended by the district superintendent;
- ensure the annual budget is prepared and acted upon;
- adopt a district master calendar;
- enter into contracts with personnel in the manner required by Ohio law; and
- levy taxes with a vote of the people to maintain our schools.



Dr. J. Daniel Good
Superintendent/CEO



J. Scott Gooding II
Treasurer/CFO

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS

Only two employees of the school district report directly to the Board of Education. These are the Superintendent and Treasurer. The Treasurer also serves as secretary of the Board and is responsible for keeping minutes of Board meetings.

OHIO OPEN MEETINGS ACT

The Ohio Open Meetings Act (e.g., "Sunshine Law") is based upon the principle that people must be able to observe the operations of their representative government. The Open Meetings Act requires public bodies to take official action and conduct deliberations on official business in open meetings.

Before a public body is subject to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, it must first be having a meeting. A "meeting" is defined as a **prearranged** gathering of a **majority** of the members of a public body **to discuss or conduct public business**. Each of these characteristics must be present; otherwise the gathering is not a "meeting" and is not subject to the Open Meetings Act.

Where each of these characteristics is present, the gathering is a meeting, regardless of whether the public body itself initiated the meeting or it was initiated by another entity.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Sometimes the Board will meet prior to a regular meeting, leave during a regular meeting, or convene after a regular meeting to hold a private discussion. These discussions are called Executive Sessions and are permitted by Ohio law. The Board is permitted to discuss personnel matters, property purchases or sales, potential or ongoing legal matters, employee negotiations, security arrangements, and other items the law says must be kept confidential. Since Ohio law states all voting must be done in public, Executive Sessions are for discussion purposes only.