

WELCOME

Thank you for attending this meeting of the Rankin School Board. We appreciate your attendance. By attending meetings, you can learn the accomplishments and needs of your school.

The Board of Education meets regularly on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room #249. Special meetings may be called for other times and places to handle emergency business.

All meetings are open to the public except executive (closed) sessions which are permitted by State law to discuss personnel and students. All decisions, however, are made in public (open) sessions.

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission: In order to meet the needs of our students, our school strives to expect academic excellence and provide a caring environment in which all students can become lifelong learners; enabling the students to succeed in our ever-changing world.

Vision: Rankin School is dedicated to empowering all students to excel in a global society by providing diverse educational opportunities.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING



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ADDRESSING THE BOARD

The Board of Education is not a forum; it is a deliberative body. Accordingly, it receives communications, both oral and written, as a medium of information. It does not debate the contents of such communications, but considers them in making decisions and in the establishment of policies.

Following Roll Call, the President of the Board will recognize members of the public and employees of District 98 who wish to address the Board.

The individuals appearing before the Board are expected to follow these guidelines:

- ◆ Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
- ◆ Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, comments shall be limited to 5 minutes. In unusual circumstances, and when the person has given advance notice of the need to speak for a longer period of time, such person may be allowed to speak for more than 5 minutes.
- ◆ The Board President may shorten or lengthen a person's opportunity to speak.
- ◆ The Board President shall have the authority decision to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise covered in Board Policy.
- ◆ Questions are to be directed to the Board of Education as a whole and may not be put to any individual member of the Board or administrative staff. It shall be in order for Board members to interrupt a speaker at any time to ask questions as necessary to clarify the topic. The Board may attempt to answer questions regarding items on which they have reached a decision. The Board will not answer questions involving litigation, possible litigation or negotiations. If the topic allows a response, it will be given at a later date.
- ◆ No person less than eighteen years of age may address the Board in a meeting unless accompanied by his or her parent/guardian.
- ◆ Because all public meetings of the Board of Education are made a matter of public record, each speaker, when recognized by the President, shall give his or her name and announce the general subject before presenting his or her views.
- ◆ Complaints or charges against individual students, staff members, or Board members, either named or unnamed, shall not be orally presented to the Board of Education. Such complaints or charges should be put in writing, signed by the person or complaint, and delivered or sent to the Board President who will deliver them to the Board of Education for consideration in private. Generally, the Board will refer such charges or complaints to the Superintendent for investigation.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Board of Education follows a planned order of business in handling the number of matters coming before it.

To prepare themselves for an informed discussion of proposals, board members receive background information.

Generally, the board meetings follow this Order of Business:

- ◆ Call to Order
- ◆ Roll Call
- ◆ Visitors and Correspondence
- ◆ Reports to the Board
 - Reports from Superintendent and Staff
 - Reports from Board
- ◆ Approve Consent Agenda
 - (may include the following)
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
 - Approval of Financial Report
 - Approval of List of Bills
- ◆ Action Items
- ◆ Discussion Items
- ◆ Information Items
- ◆ Closed Session/Return to Open Session
- ◆ Adjournment

