

BOARD BYLAW

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Bylaws of the Board

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

All regular and special meetings of the Board of Education of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District shall be open to the public except as provided in Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District Board Bylaws 9322.3, *Closed Sessions Purposes and Agendas*, and 9322.31, *Closed Session Actions and Reports*. Except as provided therein, deliberations leading to Board action shall be conducted openly. All actions of the Board shall be affirmed by a formal vote of the members of the Board. (Education Code 35163)

It shall be the responsibility of each member of the Board of Education and that of the administration of the district to encourage public attendance at any and all Board meetings. At Board meetings, the public will be given a limited time to voice opinions or problems.

Members of the public may request that a matter within the jurisdiction of the Board be placed on the agenda of a regular meeting provided it is in compliance with Board Bylaw 9323, *Agenda/ Meeting Materials*. The Superintendent shall decide whether a request is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Items not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board may not be placed on the agenda. The Superintendent, at his discretion, shall decline to agendize an item if that same item or one substantially similar has been previously agendized in the past six (6) months.

Any agenda item relating to specific employees or students may be included under "Closed Sessions" at the Superintendent's discretion and discussed only in Closed Session unless the employees or the students involved specifically requested otherwise.

The Board recognizes its responsibility to conduct the business of the district in an orderly and efficient manner and will, therefore, require reasonable controls to regulate public presentations to the Board. Except as detailed below, any person wishing to be heard by the Board must follow the procedures specified in Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District Board Bylaws 9322.2, *Public Comment* and 9322.21, *Public Hearing for Large Delegations*.

From time to time, the Board may wish to hear from the public in attendance relative to a specific matter. At that time, with consensus of the other Board members, the presiding officer of the Board shall invite discussion from the audience. A person wishing to be heard shall first be recognized by the presiding officer. That person shall then identify himself or herself and proceed to address the Board as briefly as the subject permits. The presiding officer is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the time to be allowed for public discussion, the appropriateness of the address to the subject at hand, and whether or not a particular address will be permitted at that time. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in the determination of the rulings.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Education Code Section 35145
Section 35145.5
Section 35163

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