

Board Workshops

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to guide the Governing Board with a standard for highly effective and efficient Board workshops. The Fresno Unified School Board is a body corporate, not a collection of individuals, governed by the state and federal law to serve the interests of Fresno Unified School District.

The Board reviews key information and oversees management during workshops with the intention of meeting the highest standards of public services. This policy sets forth standards and describes processes, but from time to time processes and timelines may vary. The standards and processes are not intended to be overly restrictive or become issues of dispute, but rather to provide guidelines for effective management oversight.

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The Fresno Unified School Board is responsible for overseeing management of the districts major systems. Major systems are discussed and listed in the Board policy on Board workshops and the Board workshop calendar.

Workshops are defined as meetings of the Board posted for discussion but not action, for the purpose of receiving major presentations by the Superintendent of his/her designees in order to educate the Board (and the public). Workshops may cover more than one issue but should not be scheduled for more than three hours.

The Board will hold workshops quarterly, or more frequently as necessary, in order to review:

The systems integrity and performance of major district management systems, for the purpose of exercising management oversight

The implementation or evaluation of major policies, for the purpose of exercising policy oversight

Major reform options

Major changes in district or school operations

Major changes in state or federal policy

Any other major issue facing the district

The Board will annually schedule at least four workshops for the year; additional workshops may be added, to the extent possible with a minimum of two months advance notice.

The Board will make a good faith effort to provide the Superintendent with as much clarity as possible on its expectations. The Superintendents presentation will normally be data rich, with

visual and/or written presentation of data. To the extent possible, the presentation materials will be provided to Board members at least 10 days prior to the scheduled workshop, and the Board shall review and study the information thoroughly prior to the workshop.

The public and the media will be encouraged to attend workshops.

All workshop readings, materials, and minutes will be preserved according to state law.

Workshops will be conducted with the same attention to effectiveness, efficiency, and professionalism as regular business meetings.

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