SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

The Board shall keep and maintain permanent records of the board including, but not limited to, records of the minutes of board meetings, and other required records received by the Board. The minutes will be preserved in accordance with board policy, “School District Records”.

It will be the responsibility of the board secretary to keep the minutes of the school board meetings. The minutes of each meeting will include as a minimum the following items: a record of date, time, place, members present, action taken and the vote of each member, with financial records of receipts and expenditures attached. This information will be submitted within two weeks of the meeting in a newspaper designated as a newspaper for official publication. The information does not need to be published within two weeks. The schedule of bills allowed may be published on a once monthly basis in lieu of publication within the minutes. The permanent records of the board minutes may include more detail than is required for the publication of the minutes.

Since the official minutes of the board are the only legal record, it is important that they be recorded with extreme care and completeness. The board secretary will follow the following guidelines in writing board minutes:

With respect to content, the minutes should show the following:

1. The place, date, and time of each meeting.
2. The type of meeting--regular, special, emergency, work session.
3. Members present and members absent, by name.
4. The call to order and adjournment.
5. The departure of members by name before adjournment.
6. The late arrival of members, by name.
7. The time and place of the next meeting.
8. Approval, or amendment and approval, of the minutes of the preceding meeting.
9. Complete information as to each subject of the board's deliberation and the action taken.
10. The maker and seconder of the motion, what action was taken, and the vote on the motion detailed enough to attribute a vote to each member present.
11. Complete text of all board resolutions, numbered consecutively for each fiscal year.

12. A record of all contracts entered into, with the contract documents kept in a separate file.

13. A record of all change orders on construction contracts.

14. All employment changes, including resignations or terminations.

15. A record, by number, of the bills of account approved by the board for payment.

16. A record of all calls for bids, bids received, and action taken thereon.

17. Approval of all transfers of funds from one budgetary fund to another.

18. Important documents forming a part of a motion should be made a part of the minutes by exhibit and placed in the minute book along with the minutes.

19. Board policy and administrative guides should be made a part of the minutes by exhibit.

20. Adoption of the school calendar must become a part of the minutes.

21. Approval or disapproval of open enrollment requests with justification for disapproval or approval after the deadline.

22. A record of all delegations appearing before the board and a record of all petitions.

23. At the annual meeting each year the record should indicate that the books of the treasurer and secretary and the Certified Annual Report have been examined and approved subject to audit.

24. The election or appointment of board officers.

25. The appointment of auditors to examine the books.
At the annual or organizational meeting in odd-numbered years, the minutes should reflect the following:

1. Appointment of a temporary chairperson if not specified in policy.
2. Oath of office administered to newly elected board members.
3. Nominations taken for the office of president and vice-president.
4. Election of the president and vice-president, the votes and the oath of office administered to the president and vice-president.
5. The resolution to pay bills when the board is not in session.
6. A resolution to automatically disburse payroll along with a roster of all employees under contract.
7. A resolution naming depositories along with the maximum deposit for each depository.
8. Resolution authorizing the use of a check protector and signer and the proper control of the signer.
9. Motion designating a member or a committee to examine the bills of account for a designated period of time on a rotation basis if desired for the balance of the school year.

Minutes awaiting approval at the next board meeting will be available for inspection after the board secretary transcribes the notes and has made them available to board members.

Legal Reference: 291.6; 28A.5.