

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD MEETINGS - ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETINGS

Organizational School Board Meetings

Within twenty-eight (28) days of the consolidated election, the Board shall meet to organize. Upon organizing itself, the Board shall enter upon the discharge of its duties.

To facilitate the organizational meeting, the following shall occur at a regular meeting prior to the organizational meeting:

1. The School Board shall accept the results of the canvass of the election.
2. The School Board shall designate a president pro tempore to convene the organizational meeting, administer the oath of office, and conduct the election of Board officers.

At the organizational meeting the following shall occur:

1. The new School Board members shall take the oath of office and be immediately seated.
2. The School Board shall elect its officers who assume office immediately upon their election.
3. The School Board shall fix the times and places for its regular meetings. The Superintendent shall have the responsibility of preparing and making available the calendar of regular School Board Meetings in accordance with The School Code.

Each School Board member, before taking his or her seat on the Board, must take an oath of office in substantially the following form:

I, (name of member or successful candidate), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 93, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further swear (or affirm) that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the School District's assets;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

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I shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public Board meeting;

I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels;

As a part of the Board of Education, I shall accept the responsibility for my role in the equitable and quality education of every student in the School District;

I shall foster with the Board extensive participation of the community, formulate goals, define outcomes, and set the course for Community Consolidated School District 93;

I shall assist in establishing a structure and an environment designed to ensure all students have the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework;

I shall strive to ensure a continuous assessment of student achievement and all conditions affecting the education of our children, in compliance with State law;

I shall serve as education's key advocate on behalf of students and our community's schools to advance the vision for Community Consolidated School District 93; and

I shall strive to work together with the District Superintendent to lead the School District toward fulfilling the vision the Board has created, fostering excellence for every student in the areas of academic skills, knowledge, citizenship, and personal development.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois Open Meetings Act, Sec. 2.03 (5 ILCS 120/2.03);  
Illinois School Code, Sec. 9-18, 10-5, 10-16 and 10-16.5 (105 ILCS 5/9-18, 5/10-5,  
5/10-16 and 5/10-16.5).

CROSS REF.: 245, 270, 270.07, and 270.19

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