

## Welcome

The Sumner School Board welcomes members of the public to its meetings and encourages input. Time is scheduled for audience comment at the start of the meeting.

Meetings are open to the public, except when the Board convenes into executive session. State law restricts executive session topics to personnel matters, legal, collective bargaining and real estate issues. The Board always votes in public and prior to beginning a closed executive session the president will announce the reason for the session, estimated length of the session and whether the Board will take action in public after the executive session.

School directors have oversight and responsibility for:

- evaluating progress toward district goals stated in the strategic plan.
- providing fiscal oversight through budget approval and monitoring.
- adopting district instructional programs.
- approving personnel actions and collective bargaining agreements.
- serving as a liaison between families, schools and community.

## Agenda

Regular meetings begin with approval of previous meeting minutes and action on consent items, which include personnel decisions, out of state travel and other routine business. The Board celebrates staff and student accomplishments as an agenda item entitled recognition.

The Board will then hear special reports and presentations. Informational reports and updates to the Board are presented by staff and generally not actionable.

After the presentations, the Board hears audience comments and then has time to make their own comments as well as hear superintendent comments.

The next part of the meeting, unfinished business, is devoted to voting on motions and resolutions introduced by the Board, administration or the Superintendent. Most of these motions will have been introduced at previous meetings as new business items.

One of the last agenda items of the meeting is for the introduction of new business, generally requiring board action. Meetings are concluded with announcements of upcoming meetings and other informational items.

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## Audience Comments

Visitors who wish to address the Board should use the sign-up sheet provided. Comments from the public are taken under Board advisement and may or may not receive action at a future meeting.

Topics including charges or complaints concerning current employees, concerns or issues related to employment or dismissal of personnel, acquisition of real estate, lawyer-client relationships, and parameters for negotiations may not be presented or discussed in audience comments.

Public testimony is most effective when addressed to specific agenda items or matters of general concern. Other information, questions or problems can usually be addressed by district staff.

## For more information

Agendas are available from the Superintendent's office on Friday afternoons, the week prior to regular Board meetings.

Minutes and agendas are posted on the District Web site on the School Board pages under *Around the District*. Community members can subscribe to receive the Board newsletter, *eHighlights!*, by e-mail from the Web.

## The School Board

The School District Board of Directors governs the Sumner School District setting school and district policies within the guidelines of the law and the State Board of Education.

Our board consists of five members elected by the voters of the district. The School Board's five directors are elected from five separate areas within the district to serve four-year terms.

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The Board meets at least one Wednesday each month. Regularly scheduled meetings are held 6 p.m. in the Central Administration Office Board Room at 1202 Wood Avenue in Sumner.

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*...a great place to learn!*

## Schools, etc.

Sumner School District comprises a 38-square mile area in eastern Pierce County that includes Bonney Lake, Sumner, Pacific, Edgewood, and unincorporated areas of Pierce County. With eight elementary schools, three middle schools and two high schools, we serve over 8,000 students from nearly 5,000 families throughout the community.

**Bonney Lake Elementary**

**Crestwood Elementary**

**Daffodil Valley Elementary**

**Donald Eismann Elementary**

**Emerald Hills Elementary**

**Liberty Ridge Elementary**

**Maple Lawn Elementary**

**Victor Falls Elementary**

**Lakeridge Middle School**

**Mountain View Middle School**

**Sumner Middle School**

**Bonney Lake High School**

**Sumner High School**

**Performing Arts Center at Sumner High School**

**Robert Miller Gymnasium**

**Sunset Chev Stadium**



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