

Board of Education



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2023-24 Meeting Dates

5:30 PM
(*unless otherwise posted)

July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9
November 20
December 11
January 8
February 12
March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10

Spirit Lake Community School



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Welcome!

Welcome to the Board of Education meeting of the Spirit Lake School District. We appreciate your interest in our schools. Whether you have come to observe or participate, we hope you find the information in this brochure helpful. If interested, there are copies of this meeting's agenda posted near the entrance of this meeting room.

About Board Meetings

The Spirit Lake Community School District's Board of Education represents the residents of the District as a policy-making body. Each of the five members of the Board is a qualified District voter who is elected for a four year term.

The Board of Education holds two types of meetings - regular and special. By law, both kinds of meetings must be public, meaning the meeting is open to the public to observe and listen to the board conduct their business. It is important to remember that while the meeting is in the public, it is not of the public.

Regular Board of Education meetings are usually held the second Monday of each month at 5:30 PM in the District Office Board Room at 2701 Hill Avenue. The meeting will follow this sequence of items:

1. Call to order
2. Recognition of visitors
3. Consent items
4. Discussion items
5. Action items
6. Policies

Special meetings are held to deal with matters which cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Board Meeting Agenda

An agenda with appropriate enclosures will be shared with each board member by the Superintendent or his designee. These should reach the member of the board sufficiently in advance of the meeting to allow adequate time for study and review. The agenda shall be posted at the District Office at least 24 hours prior to the time of said meeting. The agenda shall be distributed to staff, citizens requesting it, and to the news media.

Action on any item can take place with items on the agenda as published. Those provisions do not preclude the taking of testimony at regularly scheduled meeting on matters not on the agenda, which any member of the public may wish to bring before the board, provided that no action is taken by the board on such matters at the same meeting at which the testimony was taken.

Requesting an Agenda Item

The Board and District are intentional when building the Board agenda. Individuals or groups who wish to place an item on the agenda should do so by contacting the Superintendent. Requests should include name, address, phone number, organization represented, purpose of the presentation, and pertinent background information. To be considered for the Regular meeting agenda, the request must be received by the Superintendent no later than six calendar days prior to the meeting and determination to be added to the agenda lies with the Superintendent and Board President. While we do highly value the opinions and ideas of our stakeholders, requests to add an agenda item are not guaranteed. In addition, requests received after the deadline may only be added to the agenda if the Superintendent and Board President find good cause.

The Iowa Department of Education and HF 868 created a process for eligible voters within a school district to petition their local school board. The guidelines for this process are on the Iowa Department of Education website.

Your Participation in Meeting

Board members welcome your involvement in the District. We encourage you to reach out to the employee closest to the problem - teacher and/or principal, Superintendent and/or the Board of Education, if necessary, to satisfactorily have your concerns and/or questions addressed. The Superintendent and Board are always willing to set up a meeting to discuss as the need arises. If the Board and Superintendent's conclusion from the meetings and communication warrant an agenda item being added, they will absolutely do so - public comments and questions are always accepted by the District through the appropriate channels. There is no legal requirement for the public to speak at board meetings. It is the policy of the present board to make this time available to residents of the district. However, if other circumstances dictate, the Board President may curtail discussion.

Addressing the Board About an Agenda Item

Citizens who have a place on the agenda will be recognized by the presiding officer and asked to speak when the item is addressed during the meeting. They will be allowed up to five (5) minutes, or as directed by presiding officer, to make their comments.

Citizens who do not have a place on the agenda must fill out an *Intent to Address the Board Form*, obtained from the District Office or Meeting Room, and present the form to the Board President or Board Secretary **prior to the start of the meeting**. The Board members will usually first hear information and recommendations from administration and discuss the topic before taking action. If the board opts to allow public comment, the presiding officer will invite approved individuals to speak, as it relates to the agenda item. Once recognized, state your name and address before making your comments. Each individual will be given one to two (1-2) minutes, or time given at the discretion of the presiding officer, to address the board only on the specific agenda item outlined.