



GCISD Board of Trustees Frequently Asked Questions

Are Board meetings open to the public?

Every meeting of the Board shall be open to the public. The Board may, however, adjourn to an executive session to discuss personnel matters or land acquisitions, to obtain certain legal counsel and discuss litigation or to discuss cases involving discipline of a student enrolled in public school.

When and where does the Board meet?

Regular Board meetings are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Board room of the Administration Building, 3051 Ira E. Woods Avenue (Highway 26), in Grapevine. Additional meetings may be held on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. if needed. The Board reserves the right to change Board meetings to other days and times whenever it becomes necessary.

What is the procedure for addressing the Board?

A 30-minute general open forum will be held at the beginning of each regular Board meeting to allow for public input on any topic. Patrons wishing to address the Board should complete one of the Open Forum sheets, and return it to the Executive Director of Communications (Kristin Snively) 5 minutes prior to the Board meeting start time. Each speaker will be allowed 5 minutes for comments. Delegations of more than five persons should appoint one person to represent the group's views.

When recognized by the Board chairman, please approach the lectern, identify yourself by

- name
- address
- if applicable, the organization you represent

All remarks should be addressed to the Board as a whole; Board members will listen but not respond to remarks made during open forums.

Discussions of personnel or comments regarding District employees are not appropriate during Board meetings.

About the Board

The Board of Trustees is a policy making body of persons, elected by the citizens of a school district to serve a term of three years. The policies which it establishes are executed by the administration of the schools. Board members have no authority except when functioning as a member of the board in an official meeting.

Candidates run for specific places but do not represent certain geographical areas. Following the annual election, the Board elects a president, a vice-president and a secretary to serve one-year terms.

Major responsibilities of the Board

- Manage and govern the public schools of the District;
- Adopt such rules, regulations and bylaws as the Board deems appropriate;
- Levy and collect taxes and issue bonds;
- Prepare, adopt and file a budget for the succeeding fiscal year and file a report of the disbursements and receipts for the preceding fiscal year;
- Have the District's fiscal account audited at district expense by a Texas certified accountant;
- Receive bequests and donations or other monies or funds coming legally into its hands in the name of the district;
- Order, canvass the returns, declare results and issue certificates of elections as required by law;
- Acquire and hold real and personal property in the name of the district; and
- Have the legal power and duty to perform other specific duties imposed by statutes of the State of Texas. (Sec BAA, Board Policy Manual)

If you have additional questions, contact the Office of the Superintendent at 817/251-5501.