

A maximum of thirty (30) minutes is set aside for public comment at each meeting. Speakers are allowed a maximum of five minutes to address the Board in English and/or in their primary language. When translation is requested, up to five additional minutes will be provided for English translation.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with a disability who require a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting, including auxiliary aids, translation assistance or services, may request such modification or accommodation from the PYLUSD District Office at (714) 985-8400 or by fax at (714) 993-4875. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.

The Board members listen to the comments but do not engage in a dialogue with speakers. Any questions posed by the public with their remarks will be responded to by the staff in as timely a manner as possible.

Agenda Items

Board agendas are available at the door. Background material on the agenda items is provided to Board members prior to each Board meeting. This allows Board members an opportunity to review the material provided, request clarification on any questions or concerns they may have, and in so doing, be prepared to reach informed decisions regarding the many items which come before them during the meeting.

Providing trustees Board agenda backup information prior to each scheduled meeting enables them to be prepared to take action on the consent calendar items with one block vote.

All other agenda items are considered individually and may include staff reports. Community members may request a copy of supporting documentation for respective agenda items from staff.

***Thank you for your interest in our
award-winning school district!***

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Welcome to a Meeting of the Board of Education



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Welcome

As a resident of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, you elect the Board of Education which is legally mandated to establish policy and direction for the school district. The Board of Education represents you and encourages your active participation in the educational affairs of your schools and your district.

About the Board of Education

Five members are elected from the school district at large and serve four-year terms.

The non-voting student board representative is selected from the high school students to serve for one semester. The position is rotated among the district high schools.

Although members of the Board of Education are elected locally, they are State officers responsible for governing a political subdivision of the State. The board operates independently of city and county governments but cooperates closely with them.

The Board adopts an annual budget and approves all expenditures; establishes district policy; employs personnel; approves curriculum, textbooks, and courses of study; and makes decisions on school sites, building plans and construction contracts, among numerous other duties.

Board of Education members have no power to act individually in the name of the Board. Action can be taken only when the Board is meeting in formal session with a majority of its members present.

Board of Education

Carol Downey
Karin Freeman
Judy Miller
Eric Padget
Jan Wagner

District Superintendent

Dennis M. Smith Ed.D.

Role of the Superintendent

The Superintendent serves as chief executive officer of the school district and secretary to the Board of Education. As such, the Superintendent is charged with the responsibility of providing creative, dynamic leadership for the educational and operational programs across the district and develops plans, programs, and policies for Board action.

Serving under the Superintendent are assistant superintendents of educational services, administrative services and personnel services.

Board of Education Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Education are open to the public and are typically on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the District Education Center. Open session begins at 7 p.m. As provided by State law, closed sessions may be held to discuss personnel, litigation, and negotiations items. Closed session is held prior to open session. In addition, study sessions may be scheduled periodically to address business which requires more in-depth study.

Notices of all meetings and Board agendas are sent to local newspapers and are posted on the district website, at the district office, the Placentia City Library, and the Yorba Linda Library. The annual Board meeting schedule is also available on the district website.

Addressing the Board

The Board of Education places a high priority on responding to the needs of the community and provides opportunity during the Public Comment section of the agenda for individuals to address the Board on items of public interest.

Those wishing to address the Board are asked to complete a Request for Public Comment form which is available from staff. The community member may address the item during the Public Comment segment of the agenda. All requests must be submitted prior to the presiding officer announcing that public comment will be taken.