

Board of Education Special Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2020 6:00 PM

Virginia Moon Administrative Center
8545 Park Drive
Ralston, NE 68127-3621

Agenda

1. Call To Order
Speaker(s): Board President
2. Pledge of Allegiance
Speaker(s): Board President
 - 2.1. Roll Call - Excuse Board Members not in attendance
Speaker(s): Board President
3. Public Comment Sign In Procedure
 - 3.1. Public Comment
4. Standards Based School Improvement
 - 4.1. Proposed action to be taken regarding COVID-19 matters impacting Ralston Public Schools' classified staff members. (Action)
Speaker(s): Dr. Mark Adler
5. Pre-Adjournment Information and Activities
 - 5.1. Announcements
 - 5.2. Future Board Calendar
6. Adjourn

2009 Public Participation at Board Meetings

The board of education shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

The board shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussions and testimony presented at its meetings. The board shall make available at the meeting, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed in open session of the meeting.

The board is not required to allow citizens to speak at each meeting, but it will provide the opportunity for public participation at least four times per year. The board may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, photographing, or recording its meetings.

The board shall not require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting, nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. However, the board may require members of the public desiring to address the board to identify themselves.

Adopted on: March 25, 2019
Revised on:
Reviewed on: March 25, 2019

Ralston Board of Education Public Comment Procedures

The Ralston Board of Education appreciates the public's right to provide public comment. It is the practice of the Ralston Board to listen to the public comment, without discussion between the public and the Board. Should you have a question or ask for follow-up from the Board, the Board President or Chair of the meeting will direct the Superintendent to address the requests and provide additional information to you as appropriate. We ask that you refrain from personal comments about individuals and the use of vulgar or inappropriate language in addressing the Board.

The following will help guide the Public Comment agenda item at Board Meetings and Public Hearings:

1. Persons speaking during Public Comment will be called forward individually by the Board President or Chair to the location identified for such purpose.
2. The board will generally allow a total of 30 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may only speak one time per topic and must limit comments to around three (3) minutes. In the event more than 10 individuals wish to address the board, the 30 minutes will be divided equally between the number of speakers. At the discretion of the Board President or Chair, speakers may be allotted additional time.
3. Each individual speaking to the Board will be required to identify himself or herself prior to giving public comment or when related business is on the agenda. A "Record of Appearance" card is provided for this purpose.
4. Persons wishing to appear will be heard in the order in which the Board President or Chair of the meeting determines appropriate.
5. In cases where more than one person wishes to speak on the same topic, their presentations to the Board may, at the discretion of the Board President or Chair, be grouped together by topic.
6. Persons speaking to the Board during public comment may make printed materials available to the Board but may not use any other form of media.

Public Participation at Board Meetings Form

**Ralston Board of Education
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The purpose of "Public Participation" is for the Board of Education to hear comments from the public. Since comments are not on the published agenda the Board will not discuss and/or answer questions during "Public Comments."

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PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Subject of Public Comment: _____

**Resolutions of the
Ralston Public Schools Board of Education**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has officially declared the COVID-19 disease (“Coronavirus”) outbreak a global pandemic;

WHEREAS, school districts and universities across the United States have or are planning to temporarily close in response to concerns over the spread of Coronavirus and the health and safety of students and employees;

WHEREAS, through its policies and practices, the Ralston Public Schools Board of Education (the “Board”) has made a commitment to providing a safe environment for its students, employees, and members of the community;

WHEREAS, Ralston Public Schools (the “District”) may need to close during certain periods of time because of the Coronavirus and its impact on the community (the “Closure”);

WHEREAS, non-certificated, classified employees of the District are statutorily not required to be paid their usual salaries during the Closure; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to provide some paid leave to all non-certificated, classified employees of the District during the Closure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board shall provide paid leave to all non-certificated, classified part-time and full-time employees of the District for up to 20 workdays for any days the certificated, classified employee would otherwise be scheduled to work during the Closure (the “20-Day Period”);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that non-certificated, classified part-time and full-time employees will not receive paid leave during the District’s spring break period (April 6-10, 2020), nor will these days be counted as part of the 20-Day Period;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the paid leave provided during the 20-Day period shall be at the employee’s regular rate of pay as of March 14, 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District reserves the right to require certain essential non-certificated, classified part-time and full-time employees of the District, as designated by the District in its sole discretion, to perform part or all of their regular duties during the Closure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will evaluate whether any additional paid leave will be granted upon the conclusion of the 20-Day Period.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2020

Heather Johnson, President
Ralston Public Schools Board of Education