

{As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole}

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SENATE BILL No. 47

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to boards of education; requiring
2 school districts to publicly list the names and email addresses of current
3 board members; authorizing local school board members to add new
4 items to board meeting discussions, ask questions or engage in
5 discussion with members of the public and access school property;
6 authorizing members of the public to address school boards at board
7 meetings; authorizing payment of annual dues to any not-for-profit
8 organization that provides services to member school districts;
9 amending K.S.A. 72-1145 and 72-1416 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 72-
10 1138 and repealing the existing sections.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 72-1138 is hereby amended to read as
14 follows: 72-1138. (a) (1) The board shall meet at least once each month.
15 On or after the second Monday in January and before February 1 of each
16 year, or at a later date during that calendar year if so determined by the
17 board at the first meeting of the board on or after the second Monday in
18 January of each year, the board shall adopt a resolution specifying a
19 regular meeting time of the board and the regular hour of commencement
20 of the meeting, as well as the day of the week and the week of the month.
21 Such resolution also shall specify the alternative date and time of any
22 meeting if the regular meeting date occurs on a Sunday or on a legal
23 holiday or on a holiday specified by the board. Such resolution also shall
24 specify the regular meeting place of the board and may specify that any
25 regular meeting may be adjourned to another time and place. If the board
26 cancels a regularly scheduled meeting because of an emergency, within 24
27 hours of such cancellation, the board shall establish and give notice of the
28 new meeting date and time.

29 (2) Special meetings may be called at any time by the president of the
30 board or by joint action of any three members of the board. Unless waived,
31 written notice, stating the time and place of any special meeting and the
32 purpose for which called, shall be given each member of the board at least
33 two days in advance of the special meeting and no business other than that
34 stated in the notice shall be transacted at such meeting.

1 who are sued in situations relating to and arising out of the performance of
2 their office or employment. No teacher or other employment contract shall
3 make reference to or incorporate the provisions of this subsection, nor
4 shall the provisions of this subsection be construed to be any part of the
5 consideration of employment of any teacher, officer or other employee of
6 the board.

7 (e) (1) The board may transact all school district business and adopt
8 policies that the board deems appropriate to perform its constitutional duty
9 to maintain, develop and operate local public schools.

10 (2) The power granted by this subsection shall not be construed to
11 relieve a board from compliance with state law.

12 (3) The power granted by this subsection shall not be construed to
13 relieve any other unit of government of its duties and responsibilities that
14 are prescribed by law; nor to create any responsibility on the part of a
15 school district to assume the duties or responsibilities that are required of
16 another unit of government.

17 ~~(3)~~(4) The board shall exercise the power granted by this subsection
18 by resolution of the board of education.

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-1145 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
20 1145. The board of education of any school district or the board of trustees
21 of any community ~~junior~~ college is hereby authorized to appropriate
22 money out of its general fund to pay the annual dues ~~in the Kansas~~
23 ~~association of school boards for membership in a not-for-profit~~
24 ~~organization that provides guidance, resources and other services to~~
25 ~~member school districts.~~

26 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 72-1416 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
27 1416. (a) The school board shall have control of the ~~school district~~ school
28 district property, including:

29 (1) The school building or buildings, ~~school grounds~~ school grounds
30 and all buildings and structures erected thereon; and

31 (2) all furniture, fittings; and equipment, ~~such as~~ including books,
32 maps, charts; and instructional apparatus.

33 (b) Members of the school board may access school district property,
34 including any school buildings and attendance centers, during school
35 hours or when there are school or community activities on such property

36 (c) The school board may open the ~~schoolhouse~~ school building for
37 public purpose, ~~under such~~ pursuant to rules and regulations ~~as adopted by~~
38 the board ~~shall adopt~~.

39 (d) The board may:

40 (1) Enter into contracts with public library boards to authorize such
41 boards to use the library facilities of the school district to supplement the
42 facilities of the public library;

43 (2) ~~make such~~ adopt rules and regulations relating to such school

, subject to any school district policies regarding such access