

{As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole}

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Session of 2025

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 (3) A majority of the full membership of the board shall constitute a
 2 quorum for the purpose of conducting any business of the school district,
 3 and the vote of a majority of the full membership of the board shall be
 4 required for the passage of any motion or resolution. Any member who
 5 abstains from voting shall be counted as having voted against the motion
 6 or resolution. If a member announces a conflict of interest with regard to
 7 the issue, the member may leave the meeting until the voting on the issue
 8 is concluded, and the member who abstains from voting thereby shall not
 9 be counted as having voted.

10 (4) *Each board shall list the current members of the board of*
 11 *education of such school district and an email address for each such*
 12 *board member on the website of the school district. Each school district*
 13 *shall send the list of current members and the members' email addresses to*
 14 *the state department of education and shall update such information each*
 15 *time a new board member takes office or when any change to such*
 16 *information occurs. The state department of education shall maintain a*
 17 *public database of all current members of the boards of education of all*
 18 *school districts and such board members' email addresses. The state*
 19 *department of education shall post such database on the department's*
 20 *website.*

21 (5) Any member of a board may:

22 ~~(A) Add **{one}** discussion items under the category of new business at~~
 23 ~~**item to the agenda of** any school board meeting; and~~

24 ~~(B) ask questions or otherwise engage in discussion with any member~~
 25 ~~of the public addressing the board at a school board meeting.~~

26 ~~(6) Each **regularly scheduled** meeting held by a board of education~~
 27 ~~of a school district, including any meeting that is held virtually **or for the**~~
 28 ~~**purpose of a budget hearing or revenue neutral rate hearing,** shall~~
 29 ~~include time for a public comment portion of the meeting. Members of the~~
 30 ~~public may address the board at **such** regular school board meetings.~~

31 (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, the board shall have and
 32 may exercise the same powers and authorities as were immediately prior to
 33 this act conferred uniformly upon boards of education in cities of the first
 34 class, and, in addition thereto, the powers and authority expressly
 35 conferred by law.

36 (c) The board shall have authority to prescribe courses of study for
 37 each year of the school program and to adopt rules and regulations for
 38 teaching in the school district and general government thereof, and to
 39 approve and adopt suitable textbooks and study material for use therein
 40 subject to the plans, methods, rules and regulations of the state board of
 41 education.

42 (d) The board may provide legal counsel at district expense to any
 43 members of the board of education, or school district officers or employees

Two or more members of a board may jointly add one discussion item to the agenda of any school board meeting.
(6)

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Strike in lines 22, 23 and 24

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All public comments, questions and other engagements in discussion shall be subject to any reasonable procedural limits that may be set by the presiding officer