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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Education
From: Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 11, 2025
Subject: SB 47—Local School Board Members and Meetings

Senate Bill 47 would requiring school districts to publicly list the names and email addresses of current school board members, authorizing local school board members to add new items to board meeting discussions, ask questions or engage in discussion with members of the public and access school property, authorizing members of the public to address school boards at board meetings and authorizing payment of annual dues to any not-for-profit organization that provides services to member school districts.

SB 47 would amend K.S.A. 72-1138 to require school districts to list the names and email addresses of current school board members on the website of the school district and send such list to the state department of education. The list would have to be updated any time a new board member takes office or a change to the information contained in the list occurs. The state department of education would be required to maintain a public database of such information from every school district on the department's website.

The bill would also authorize local school board members to add new items to board meeting discussions under the category of "new business" and ask questions or engage in discussion with members of the public at any school board meeting. The bill would also require that each local school board meeting, including virtual meetings, include time for a public comment period.

Additionally, section 2 of the bill would amend K.S.A. 72-1145 to authorize payment of annual dues to "any not-for-profit organization that provides guidance, resources and other services to member school districts" instead of the current citation to the Kansas association of school boards.

Section 3 of the bill would amend to K.S.A 72-1416 would explicitly state that school board members may access school district property during school hours or when there are school or community activities on such property.

SB 47 also contains technical amendments and would take effect on July 1, 2025, upon publication in the statute book.