

Downey Unified School District

INTERNAL BOARD OPERATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BP 9261

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education that it may call special meetings for the purpose of holding a public hearing on any given matter requiring Board action. In order to maintain orderly discussion the following procedures shall be followed by the Board:

1. The Board of Education may request advice of County Counsel pertaining to the need for legal representation on any request for a public hearing.
2. The Clerk of the Board shall secure the names of all those persons wishing to be heard before the Board.
3. After the meeting has been officially opened, the President of the Board or the presiding officer shall briefly state the purpose of the public hearing and the position of the Board. If official action on the issue has not yet been taken, the President may so state and may summarize briefly the arguments for and against the issue to be decided.
4. After the speakers for and against the issue have been heard, the President shall indicate that questions pertaining directly to the issue involved will be asked by the Board, after which questions may be asked of the Board. The Board may set a reasonable time limit for each speaker and for questions and answers.
5. All petitions to the Board regarding the issue under discussion at the public hearing shall be considered only if presented to the Secretary to the Board of Education in writing in time to be placed on the agenda.