

Edison School District Governance Team Values and Beliefs

- Students will succeed and are our number one priority
- Accountability begins with leadership and clear expectations
- Instruction is to be student centered
- Each student deserves to be educated by professionally prepared, continuously improving educators
- Teaching and learning shall be action oriented and results driven
- Curriculum (and instruction) shall be balance – to include basic subjects along with arts, sports, drama
- Parent involvement is significant to student achievement
- All children can learn but may not learn the same way
- We – all staff and board members – model expectations for our students and our parents

PURPOSE STATEMENT

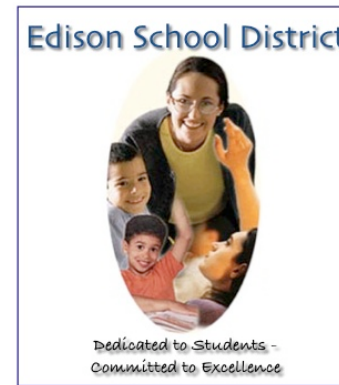
The purpose of Edison School District is to provide our students with engaging and meaningful instructional activities to positively affect the lives of the students we serve.

THE DISTRICT

The Edison School District was organized on January 9, 1911. Its territory was taken from the Fairfax and Rockpile School Districts. There had been a school district known by the name of Lakeview serving the area from 1896 to 1903, but it lapsed. The Edison School District took its name from the Southern California Edison Company, which at the time was developing power projects in the mountain areas above Edison.

The Edison School District comprises about 48 square miles, largely agricultural and oil land, and has considerable potential for housing developments. Growth is being enhanced by commercial and industrial developments in the area.

ABOUT BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS



Edison SCHOOL DISTRICT 2009-10

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Allison Kitchen, President
Kirstine Harner, Member
Lisa Strobel, Member
Esther Rodriguez, Member
Matt Day, Member

SUPERINTENDENT

Stephen M. Ventura

WELCOME FROM THE TRUSTEES

Welcome to a meeting of your Board of Trustees. The purpose of each Trustee meeting is to determine policies, practices, and procedures, which will provide a quality education for the children of the Edison School District--your children. Your attendance and interest are valued and appreciated.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees are held on the second Monday of each month. Unless otherwise posted, the meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. in the Edison Middle School Library, 721 Edison Road. For specific information, call the superintendent's office at 363.5394

Agenda items are considered and acted upon in public meetings. However, by state law, closed sessions may be held to consider personnel matters, negotiations, pupil disciplinary actions, business which may involve litigation, and proposed property acquisitions.

ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Members of the public may address the Board regarding items on the agenda as these items are taken up. Prior to the start of the meeting, persons wishing to speak will, on forms provided, indicate their name, address, and item on which they intend to speak. If the matter is listed as an item for Board action, the Board will not take action until persons who have requested to speak have done so.

The time allocated for an individual member of the public to address the Board on any subject will be five minutes. The Board shall limit the total time for each subject to twenty minutes. In case of numerous requests to address the same item, the Board may select representatives to speak on each side of the item.

No disturbance or willful interruption of any Board meeting shall be permitted. Persistence, by an individual or group, shall be grounds for the chair to terminate their privilege of address or removal from the meeting.

Each person who addresses the Board must first be recognized by the presiding officer. Comments must be addressed to the Board as a whole and not to individual staff members or District employees. The Board and staff are not obligated to comment on or respond to addresses by the public.

The District has an established procedure for considering complaints regarding individual employees. Persons, including members of the Board, school employees, and members of the public, requesting an opportunity to present complaints to the

Board about a specific employee, should first notify the Superintendent or Board President. Notice will be given to the person against whom the complaints are directed. If the complaint is not resolved satisfactorily at the administrative level, the matter will be scheduled for a closed session meeting of the Board. The employee complained against must be given at least 24 hours written notice of the opportunity to request that such complaints be heard in open session of the Board, or to be present in closed session if the Board so agrees.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Trustee meetings are business meetings held in public. The agenda is posted prior to a meeting, and then adopted at the beginning of each Board meeting. The agenda provides the specific sequence of the meeting. Generally, information considered by the Board includes: public comments, reports, consent agenda, curriculum and instruction, general, personnel, and business items.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Superintendent is the Chief Executive Officer of the school district and serves as the advisor and Secretary to the Board of Trustees. His prime responsibility is to provide for the effective operation of the entire school program within policies set by the Board. The Trustees encourage you to contact the Superintendent at 366.8571 about issues of concern, and an appointment will be arranged.

ABOUT THE BOARD

The Edison School District is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees elected by the citizens of Edison School District. The Governing Board is the unit of authority over the District. It has broad but clearly limited powers. The exercise of its authority is restricted to the functions required or permitted by law, and then only when it acts in a legally constituted meeting.

The Board Member has no individual authority. Individually, the board member may not commit the District to any policy, act, or expenditure. The board member cannot do business with the District served, nor should the board member have an interest in any contract with the school District. The board member represents and acts for the community as a whole and does not represent any fractional segment of the community.

The Board of Trustees of the Edison School District promotes student-centered decisions. The District vision, mission, and tenets have been adopted. These are reflected in the annual goals and supported in the annual budget.