

OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Dexter Consolidated School District met in regular session at Dexter on February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. as per law; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to -4) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission or other policy-making body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Dexter Consolidated School District, that:

1. In recognition of the fact that a representative government is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them. The formation of public policy or the conduct of business by vote shall not be conducted in closed meeting. All meetings of Dexter Consolidated School District except the legislature and the courts shall be public meetings and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings. Reasonable efforts shall be made to accommodate the use of audio and video recording devices.
2. If otherwise allowed by law or rule of the Dexter Consolidated School District, a member of the Dexter Board of Education may participate in a meeting of the Dexter Consolidated School District by means of a conference telephone or other similar communications equipment when it is otherwise difficult or impossible for the member to attend the meeting in person, provided that each member participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any member of the Dexter Consolidated School District who speaks during the meeting.
3. Regular meetings shall be held on the second Monday of each month. The meetings shall be held in the Board Room at Central Office at 7:00 p.m. or as indicated on the meeting notice. A proposed agenda will be available during the week before the meeting from the superintendent of schools, whose office is located in Dexter, New Mexico and no later than 72 hours

before a meeting. Notice of any other regular meetings will be given ten (10) days in advance of the meeting date.

4. Special meetings may be called by the Board President or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice.
5. Emergency meetings will be called only under circumstances that demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens. The Board of Education of the Dexter Consolidated School District will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Board President or a majority of the members upon twenty-four (24) hours notice, unless threats of personal injury or property damage require less notice. The notice for all emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda. Within 10 days of taking action on an emergency matter, the Board shall report to the Attorney General the action taken and the circumstances creating the emergency.
6. For the purpose of regular meetings described in paragraph 3 of this resolution, notice requirements are met if notice of the date, time place and general subject matter to be discussed is placed in a newspaper of general circulation in the Dexter Consolidated School District at least ten (10) days prior to such meetings. The Board Secretary shall also mail copies of the written notice to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request for notice of public meetings and shall post notice on the District's web site at <http://www.dexterdemons.org/>
7. For the purposes of special meetings and emergency meetings described in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this resolution, notice requirements shall be met by posting notices in the administrative offices of Dexter Consolidated Schools and/or the local U.S. Post Office and an agenda is posted at least 72 hours before the meeting . The Board Secretary shall also provide telephone notice to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request for notice of public meetings.
8. The Board of Education of the Dexter Consolidated School District may close a meeting to the public only if the subject matter of such discussion or action is exempted from the open meeting requirement under Section 10-15-1(E) of the Open Meetings Act.
 - A. If any meeting is closed during an open meeting, such closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Education of the Dexter Consolidated School District taken during the open meeting. The authority for the closure and the subjects to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity

in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting; the vote shall be taken in an open meeting; and the vote of each individual member shall be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure may be discussed in a closed meeting; and

- B. If the decision to hold a closed meeting is made when the Board of Education of the Dexter Consolidated School District is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances and stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting and stating with reasonable specificity the subject to be discussed is given to the members and to the general public; and
- C. Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(E), any action taken as a result of discussions in a closed meeting shall be made by vote of the Board of Education of the Dexter Consolidated School District in an open public meeting.

Passed by the Board of Education of the Dexter Consolidated School District this 13th day of February, 2017.



President, Dexter Board of Education



Secretary, Dexter Board of Education