

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Board Bylaw

BB 9400

Bylaws of the Board

BOARD EVALUATION

The Governing Board shall annually conduct an evaluation in order to demonstrate accountability to the community and ensure that district governance effectively supports student achievement and the attainment of the district's vision and goals.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 2123 - Evaluation of the Superintendent)

The evaluation may address any areas of Board responsibility, including but not limited to Board performance in relation to vision setting, curriculum, personnel, finance, policy, collective bargaining and community relations. The evaluation also may address objectives related to Board meeting operations, civility among Board members, relationship with the Superintendent, understanding of Board and Superintendent roles and responsibilities, communication skills, or other boardsmanship skills.

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

(cf. 9005 – Governance Expectations)

The Board shall be evaluated as a whole. Individual Board members also are encouraged to use the evaluation process as an opportunity to privately assess their own personal performance.

Each year the Board, with assistance from the Superintendent, shall determine an evaluation method or instrument.

Any discussion of the Board's evaluation shall be conducted in open session. At the request of the Board, a facilitator may be used to assist with the evaluation process. The Board may invite the Superintendent or others to provide input into the evaluation process.

Following the evaluation, the Board shall develop strategies for strengthening Board performance and shall establish priorities and objectives for the following year's evaluation.

(cf. 9230 - Orientation)

(cf. 9240 - Board Development)

Legal Reference:

GOVERNMENT CODE

54950-54963 Brown Act; board self-evaluations not covered

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Professional Governance Standards, 2000

Maximizing School Board Leadership, 1996

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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