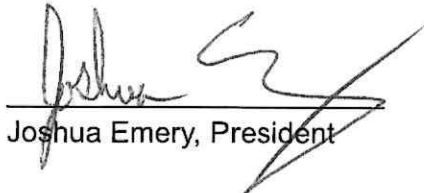


Special Meeting of the Ravenna Board of Education  
MASB - Open Meetings Act Workshop  
High School Bulldog Room  
March 10, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

1. A Special Meeting of the Ravenna Board of Education was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Joshua Emery. Present: Bob Becklin, Becki Deater, Joshua Emery, Mark Jacobs, Ryan Jawor, Mike Pierson and Fred Rosel.
2. MASB's Brad Banasik conducted an Open Meetings Act workshop for Board members. Below is a synopsis of the Open Meetings Act.
3. All meetings of a public body (i.e., school board) must be open to the public.
  - a. A meeting is defined as the convening of a public body at which a quorum is present for the purpose of deliberating toward or rendering a decision on a public policy.
  - b. The Act does not apply to a social or chance gathering or conference where a quorum is present as long as the board members in attendance do not collectively discuss matters of public policy.
  - c. An advisory committee composed of less than a quorum of the full board can sometimes be a public body subject to the Act's requirements.
4. All decisions of a public body must be made at a meeting open to the public.
5. All discussions of a public body constituting a quorum of its members must take place at a meeting open to the public unless a closed meeting exception applies.
6. Closed meeting exceptions to the open deliberations requirement:
  - a. Considering the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of an employee or student if a closed meeting is requested by the employee or student;
  - b. Hearing complaints or charges brought against an employee or school board member per their request for a closed meeting;
  - c. Considering a periodic personnel evaluation of an employee if they request a closed session;
  - d. Conducting strategy and negotiation sessions connected with a collective bargaining agreement (does not cover individual contracts);
  - e. Considering the purchase or lease of property (two-thirds roll call vote);
  - f. Consulting with legal counsel regarding pending litigation (two-thirds roll call vote);
  - g. Reviewing applications for employment or appointment when the applicant requests confidentiality (two-thirds roll call vote);
  - h. Considering material exempt from discussion or disclosure by law (two-thirds roll call vote); and

- i. Considering security planning to address existing threats or prevent potential threats to the safety of the students and staff (two-thirds roll call vote).
7. A public body cannot hold a meeting without first giving public notice of the meeting at its principal office and on its website if it's a special or rescheduled regular meeting.
8. Minutes must be kept of all meetings, whether open or closed, and regardless of whether the meeting is identified as a regular or special meeting, study session, committee of the whole, or by some other name.
9. Members of the public have the right to attend all open meetings and to address the board during the meeting according to rules adopted by the board.
10. Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent. 6:30 p.m.



Joshua Emery, President



Michael Pierson, Secretary