



## BOARD OF EDUCATION 2023 Meeting Calendar

The Santa Rosa City Schools’ Board of Education has two board meetings per month (except July, November, and December have only one meeting per month). Board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month (unless otherwise noted). Unless otherwise noted\*\*, all meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Santa Rosa City Hall located at 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month is reserved for tentative special board meetings. The meetings are scheduled on an as needed basis. Prior notice will be given.

<b>Month</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Meeting</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting</b>
January	11 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
February	8 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
March	8 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup> *
April	12 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
May	10 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
June	14 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
July	26 <sup>th</sup>	None
August	9 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
September	13 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
October	11 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
November	8 <sup>th</sup>	None
December	13 <sup>th</sup> (Annual Board Organization)	None

\*The 4th Wednesday in March falls during Spring Break.

\*\*On Thursday, September 16, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 361 into law, which gives local agencies, including local educational agency (LEA) governing boards, flexibility in conducting public meetings virtually during a declared state of emergency (wildfires, floods, pandemics, etc.). As an urgency measure, AB 361 went into effect immediately upon Governor Newsom’s signature, meaning its provisions are currently law.

AB 361 authorizes, until January 1, 2024, a local agency to use teleconferencing for public meetings, without complying with certain Brown Act requirements, in any of the following circumstances:

- The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing
- The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining by majority vote whether, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees
- The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined by majority vote that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees

Currently, the District may continue to hold virtual Board meetings under the first bullet point since the Sonoma County Public Health Officer has declared that “[o]nline meetings (teleconferencing meetings) are strongly recommended...” for public meetings held by local government agencies. (See, <https://socoemergency.org/recommendation-of-the-health-officer-public-meetings/> )

Notwithstanding, AB 361 also specifies that if a local legislative body determines it is entitled to use the exemptions afforded to it in this bill, then it must abide by the following requirements when conducting a public meeting:

- Notice the meeting and post agendas as the Brown Act requires
- Allow the public to access the meeting and give notice for how the public can access the meeting and provide public comment
- Identify and include in the agenda an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in or an internet based service option
- Conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body
- Provide a public comment period where the public can address the legislative body directly and in real time, and allows for public comment up until the period is closed
- Discontinue any prior Board rule, policy or bylaw which limits public comments to only those submitted in advance
- Provide an opportunity for the public to offer comment in real time, and
- In the event of a disruption that prevents the public agency from broadcasting the meeting or prevents members of the public from offering public comment, the legislative body is prohibited from taking action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the teleconferencing option is restored

The bill stipulates that if the state of emergency remains active or state or local officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures, a local agency must make the following findings not later than every 30 days after the first virtual meeting by majority vote in order to continue utilizing the bill’s teleconferencing provisions:

- The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and
- Any of the following circumstances exist:
  - The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person
  - State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing

The teleconferencing flexibilities for local agencies under AB 361 sunset on January 1, 2024. This means that unless subsequent legislation extends the provisions of AB 361 for local agencies, they will expire on January 1, 2024, and that local agencies would be expected to follow all of the Brown Act requirements regardless of an emergency beginning in 2024.