

Bylaws of the Board

Public and Executive Sessions

Public Meetings

All meetings of the Board of Education shall be open to the public with the exception of executive sessions.

Executive Sessions

The Board of Education reserves the right, within the constraints of state law, to sit in executive session. Such sessions are called by the board chairperson and approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

Executive sessions pertain to the discussion of:

1. Individual students
2. Individual staff members
3. Matters of collective negotiations with employees
4. Acquisition of real property
5. Litigation brought by or against the district
6. Other matters where state/federal laws or regulations require a closed session.

Such sessions shall be closed to the public and press. Minutes taken at such meetings shall remain confidential only so long as their publication would defeat the purpose of the executive session. That such a meeting will be or was held shall be recorded in the minutes of the preceding or subsequent regular meeting. Board members and other persons attending the session are honor-bound not to disclose the topic or details of discussion at executive sessions.

The Superintendent, or designated representative may attend all executive sessions except those which pertain to the Superintendent's employment. The Board may invite staff members or others to attend such sessions at its discretion.

If the executive session results in some official action, such action shall be taken and recorded in the minutes of the meeting during which the executive session was held.

Public and Executive Sessions (continued)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
1-18a Definitions (Public agency; Meetings; Person; Public Records or Files; Executive Sessions) (as amended by P.A. 83-372 "Public agency" now includes board committees)  
1-19 Access to public records. Exempt records  
1-21 Meetings of government agencies to be public. Recording of votes. Schedule of meetings to be filed. Notice of special meetings.  
Executive sessions  
1-21a Recording, broadcasting or photographing meetings  
1-21i Denial of access of public records or meetings. Notice. Appeals (as amended by P.A. 83-31)  
1-21g Executive sessions

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