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Community Relations

Communication with the Public

The Brookfield Board of Education recognizes the right of the public to information concerning all of its actions, its policies and the details of its educational and business operations. The Board encourages study, discussion and active participation by all concerned in the promotion of the best possible program of education in the community.

Principles Essential To Public Communication:

1. The Board will transact all business in open meetings which the press, the public and school employees are encouraged to attend and at which time communications, both oral and written, will be received and taken under advisement.
2. The Board will function as efficiently as circumstances will permit and always with due regard for the public interest.
3. Board members will be knowledgeable in the work of the school system in all major areas.
4. The Board will make provisions for recording proceedings of all of its meetings. Minutes of all Board meetings shall be considered matters of public record.
5. The Board will seek to maintain the confidence, respect and trust of the community.
6. The Board will represent the Brookfield community.

Freedom of Information

The Brookfield Board of Education will comply with the Freedom of Information Act.

Brookfield Board of Education meetings are open to the public. No individual shall be required to register his or her name or furnish any other information in order to attend any public meeting. Subject to prior rules and regulations of the Board, such meetings may be photographed, broadcast or recorded for broadcast by any person, newspaper or radio or television broadcasting company. If the Board has not adopted rules and regulations regarding the use of photographic, recording and broadcasting equipment, such equipment must be allowed, provided its use shall be as inconspicuous as possible. Whenever persons in attendance at a public meeting so disrupt that meeting that order cannot be restored by removing only those individuals causing the disruption, members of the Board may order the room cleared of all those in attendance except authorized members of the press or news media who are not participating in the disturbance. Once the room has been cleared, the meeting may continue but only items on the agenda may be considered.

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The Freedom of Information Act also establishes a freedom of information commission and any person who is denied the right to attend a public meeting or to inspect or copy public records or who has requested notice of meeting and was not given timely and proper notice of a meeting may appeal to said commission within thirty (30) days of the incident. Notice of such appeal must be filed with the commission and with the Board.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 1-13-121K Public Records and Meetings
 10-220 Duties of Boards of Education

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