

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. A chance or social meeting, a caucus, or a discussion of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining are not defined as “meetings” under the Freedom of Information Act.

Executive Sessions

The public may be excluded from meetings of the Board of Education which are declared to be executive sessions. Executive sessions may be held upon a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting taken at a public meeting for only one or more of the following reasons, and not be held for any other reason:

1. Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that discussion be held at an open meeting.
2. Strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and litigation.
3. Matters concerning security strategy or the deployment of security personnel, or devices affecting public security
4. Discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale, or purchase of real estate by a political subdivision of the state when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase, or construction would cause a likelihood of increased price until such time as all of the property, has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions concerning same have been terminated or abandoned.
5. Discussion of any matter which would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein described in subsection (b) of Section 1-210 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Smoking

Smoking will not be permitted in any room in which a meeting of the Board of Education is being conducted, nor during the time immediately prior to the meeting.

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(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)

(cf. 1331 – Smoking in School Facilities)

(cf. 9320 – Meetings)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-200 Definitions. (Public agency; Meetings; Person; Public Records or Files; Executive sessions) (as amended by P .A. 02-130)

1-210 Access to public records. Exempt records.

1-225 Meetings of government agencies to be public. Recording of votes. Schedule and agenda of meetings to be filed. Notice of special meetings. Executive sessions.

1-226 Recording, broadcasting or photographing meetings.

1-206 Denial of access to public records or meetings. Appeals. Notice. Orders. Civil Penalty. Service of process upon commission. Frivolous appeals.

1-231 Executive sessions.

19a-342 Smoking prohibited in certain places.