

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. (cf.9320 – Meetings)

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 may 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 1-19 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
1-18a Definitions  
1-19 Access to public records  
1-21 Meetings of government agencies to be public  
1-21a Recording, broadcasting or photographing meetings  
1-21i Denial of access to public records or meetings  
1-21g Executive sessions

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