

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. Motions to enter such sessions must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting. The vote to enter executive session must be held in public session.

Executive session means a meeting of a public agency at which the public is excluded for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance evaluation, health, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided that such person 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 or sale or purchase of real estate by a political subdivision of the state, when publicity regarding such construction would cause a likelihood of increased price, until such time as all the property has been acquired or all proceedings for 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 Connecticut General Statutes.

Board members and other persons attending the executive session are honor-bound not to disclose the topic or details of discussion at executive sessions.

The Superintendent, or his/her designated representative, shall attend all executive sessions except those which pertain to the Superintendent's employment. The Board, at its discretion, may invite others to attend an executive session for the purpose of input, then they must leave. Minutes will show all those in attendance at executive session, except job applicants who attend for the purpose of being interviewed by the Board.

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Executive Sessions (continued)

No official action shall be taken at executive session. To take final action on any matter discussed, the board shall convene or reconvene in open session.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-200 Definitions.

1-206 Denial of access to public records or meetings.

1-210 Access to public records.

1-225 Meetings of government agencies to be public.

1-226 Recording, broadcasting or photographing meetings.

1-231 Executive sessions.

19a-342 Smoking prohibited in certain places.