

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 public may be excluded from meetings of the Board of Education which are declared to be executive sessions. The Board may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, meet in executive session. The vote must be taken in public session and the reason for going into executive session must be stated.

The Board of Education and the Board of Education Committees may go into executive session 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. Discussion of strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and litigation.
3. Discussion of 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.

Exempt from the above are negotiation sessions as well as records, reports, and statements of strategies or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining. The approval of all collective bargaining agreements will be made public and voted in public at the time of agreement.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[1-200](#) Definitions.

[1-210](#) Access to public records.

[1-225](#) Meetings of government agencies to be public.

[1-226](#) Recording, broadcasting or photographing meetings.

[19a-342](#) Smoking prohibited in certain places.

[1-206](#) Denial of access to public records or meetings.

[1-231](#) Executive sessions.

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