

Bylaws of the Board

Meeting Conduct & Parliamentary Procedures

Legal Notice

All Board of Education meetings shall be appropriately posted and conducted as provided by Connecticut General Statutes; under governing statutes, a meeting is any quorum of the Board of Education convened in person or electronically to discuss or act upon a Board matter, but meetings shall not include:

1. Any meeting of a personnel search committee for executive level positions;
2. Any chance meeting or a social meeting neither planned nor intended for discussing Board of Education business;
3. Strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining;
4. A caucus of member of a single political party notwithstanding that such members also constitute a quorum of the Board of Education;
5. Communications limited to notice of meetings of the Board of Education or the agendas for such meetings.

Recording, Broadcasting, or Photographing Meetings

The media may record, photograph, broadcast or record for broadcast by persons, newspapers, radio, and television stations with 24-hour advance notification and approved by the Superintendent of Schools. Such recording, photographing, broadcasting or recording for broadcasting by persons, newspapers, radio and television stations shall be done in an inconspicuously as possible and in such manner as not to disturb the Board of Education meeting.

Voting Method

Board minutes shall reflect how each member votes on each motion. Board of Education voting shall be by voice votes including the election of officers at Board organizational meetings which shall be by initialed or signed ballots. Except as provided by law, Board Policy, Board Bylaws, or any other biding agreements on the Board, a majority vote of members present and voting shall be sufficient to pass a motion. Abstentions shall not be counted as votes.

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Parliamentary Procedures

Board meetings shall be conducted according to the rules of parliamentary procedure laid down in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, unless otherwise specified by state law or in written Bylaws for the Board of Education operating procedures.

(cf. 9321 Time, Place, Notification for Meetings)

Reference: *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-200 Definitions. ("Public Agency")

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.

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