

PUBLIC RIGHT TO KNOW

The Board of Directors recognizes the right of the public to information concerning all of its actions, its policies, and the details of its educational and business operations. The Board encourages study, discussion, and active participation by all concerned in the promotion of the best possible program of education of the community. It is the practice of the Board to utilize the advice and assistance of interested individuals and groups in the solution of its educational and financial problems.

The Board accepts the following basic principles that are essential to a good public relations program:

1. The Board will transact as much official business as practicable in open meetings. The press, the public and school employees are welcome to attend these open meetings. Oral and written communications may be received and considered during open meetings of the Board. However, the Board reserves the right to enter a closed session to transact specific types of business as outlined in the law.
2. The Board will function as speedily and as efficiently as circumstances will permit, and always with due regard for the public interest.
3. Board members will familiarize themselves with the work of the school system in all major areas and shall bring to the professional directions of the schools the viewpoint, the knowledge, and the wisdom of the community.
4. The Board will make provision for recording proceedings of all meetings. Minutes of the Board meetings shall be considered matters of public record.
5. The Board will keep in mind that maintaining the confidence and respect of the community is of paramount importance to the success of the educational program of the district.

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