

Board Meeting News Coverage

One of the paramount responsibilities of the board of trustees is to keep the public informed of its actions. Consequently, local news media representatives shall be welcome and encouraged to attend all regular and special meetings of the board.

Broadcasting & Taping Of Board Meetings

Photographic and electronic audio and video broadcasting and recording devices may be used at regular and special board of trustee meetings legally open to the public according to the following guidelines:

1. Photographs, broadcasting and recording of meetings are permitted only when the school district and the person(s) seeking to use cameras, broadcasting, and/or recording devices have been informed that cameras, broadcasting and/or recording devices will be used. The District requests that notification occur at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting in order to give the District time to accommodate the request or be prepared to make an official district copy of the video or audio tape. (This time period could be subject to board waiver, provided good cause is shown.) All equipment setup shall take place prior to the commencement of the meeting, and all equipment removal will take place either during a recess or after conclusion of the meeting.
2. Persons operating cameras, broadcasting, and/or recording devices must do so with a minimum of disruption to those present at the meeting. Specifically, the view between trustees and the audience must not be obstructed; interviews must not be conducted during the meeting, and no commentary is to be given in a manner that distracts the trustees or the audience.

The board, or its representatives, will make the necessary arrangements to have audio and video recordings of regular meetings and any special meetings that it deems appropriate. Audio and video recordings are not to be considered part of the minutes of any meeting.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 67-2343 Notice of Meetings
 I.C. § 67-2344 Written Minutes of Meetings
 I.C. § 33-510 Annual meetings – Regular meetings – Boards of trustees

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