

173 CLOSED SESSIONS

The Board reserves the right within the constraints of state law to conduct closed sessions. Such sessions are called by the President and approved by a majority of the Board for discussion about matters specifically permitted by state law.

Such sessions shall be closed to the public and press. Law requires that any authorized closed session be convened by motion duly made and carried by a majority vote with the vote of each member recorded in the minutes. Minutes taken at such meetings shall remain confidential only so long as their publication would defeat the purpose of the closed session. That such a meeting will be or was held shall be recorded in the minutes of the preceding or subsequent regular meeting. Board members and other persons attending the session are honor-bound not to disclose the topic or details of discussion at closed sessions.

The District Administrator or his/her designated representative shall attend all closed sessions except those which pertain to the District Administrator's employment or evaluation. The Board may invite staff members or others to attend such sessions at its discretion.

No official action shall be taken at closed sessions, except such as may be necessary to avoid compromising the need for a closed session. To take final action on any other matter discussed, the Board shall convene or reconvene in open session.

No motion to hold a closed session or to adjourn an open session into a closed session shall be adopted unless the chief presiding officer announces to those present at the meeting at which such motion is made the general nature of the business to be considered at such closed session and the exemptions(s) under which the closed session is claimed to be authorized. No governmental body shall commence an open session, subsequently recess into a closed session, and subsequently reconvene into an open session within a 12-hour period, unless public notice of such subsequent open session was given at the same time and in the same manner as the public notice of the initial open meeting.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes, 120.11 (School Board Meetings and Reports)
19.85 (Open Meetings, Exemptions)

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