

**Public and Executive Session**

**Introduction** All meetings, as defined in the Freedom of Information statutes, 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. Executive sessions may be held upon a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting taken at a public meeting 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. Strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the board of education, or a member thereof because of his or her conduct as a member of the board, is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or settled;
3. 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 the board of education 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.

At an executive session of the board of education, attendance shall be limited to members of the board and persons invited by the board to present testimony or opinion pertinent to matters before the board, provided that such person's attendance shall be limited to the period for which their presence is necessary to present such testimony or opinion; minutes of executive sessions shall disclose all persons in attendance with the exception of job applicants who attend the executive session to be interviewed by the board.

**Legal Reference:** Connecticut General Statutes

1-18a Definitions. (Public Agency; Meetings; Public Records or Files; Executive sessions) (as amended by P.A. 83-372)

1-19 Access to public records. Exempt records.

1-21 Meetings of government agencies to be public. Recording of votes. Schedule of meetings to be filed. Notice of special meetings. Executive sessions.

1-21a Recording, broadcasting or Photographing meetings.

1-21b Smoking prohibited in certain places. Signs required. Penalties.

1-21i Denial of access of public records or meetings, Appeals, Notice, Orders, Civil Penalty, Service of process upon commission. Frivolous appeals.

1-21g Executive sessions.