

PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD SESSIONS

All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public except meetings where the acquisition or sale of property is being considered, provided that no other portion of such meeting shall be closed to the public.

The Board reserves the right to sit in non-public session when a majority of the members present and voting so vote (recorded roll call vote required). As required by law, the motion calling for a non-public session will indicate the matters to be discussed and the statutory exception stated.

The Board may entertain a motion to hold a non-public session only for those purposes which the law recognizes.

1. The dismissal, promotion, compensation or disciplining of any public employee.
2. The hiring of a public employee.
3. Discussion of matters that are likely to adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of the Board.
4. Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property.
5. Consideration or negotiation of pending legal claims or litigation.
6. Matters relating to the preparation and carrying out of emergency functions.

Minutes of the proceedings in non-public session shall be kept, at least to the extent of recording any decisions made therein. Decisions must be publicly disclosed within 72 hours of the meeting, unless 2/3 of the members present believe the release of the information would adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of the body itself or render the proposed action ineffective. Board members and any persons attending a non-public session are duty-bound not to disclose any details of the discussion held.

The Superintendent, Administrator or his/her designated representative may attend all non-public sessions except those which pertain to the Superintendent's employment, at the pleasure of the Board.

Legal References:

RSA 91-A:3 I, II, III, Public Records and Meetings: Non-Public Sessions
RSA 91-A:4, Public Records and Meetings: Minutes and Records Available for
Public Inspection
RSA 42:1(a), Oaths of Town Officers: Manner of Dismissal; Breach of Confidentiality

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