## Bylaws of the Board

## **Public and Executive Sessions**

## **Public Meetings**

All meetings 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 on a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, taken at a public meeting, for 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 (public) meeting.
- 2. Strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and litigation.
- 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 when publicity regarding such 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 therein described in Connecticut General Statutes 1-19(b).

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-18a Definitions.

1-19 Access to public records.

1-21 Meetings of government agencies to be public.

1-21a Recording, broadcasting or photographing meetings.

1-21i Denial of access to public records or meetings.

1-21g Executive sessions.