

Community RelationsPress Coverage of Board of Education Meetings

The Brookfield Board of Education believes that one of the paramount responsibilities of the Board is to keep the public informed of its deliberations, policies, actions and problems. The Board of Education encourages the attendance of press representatives at all meetings excepting executive sessions.

1. A copy of the agenda will be sent in advance to members of the working press who request it. Additionally, all reports approved by the Board shall be considered matters of official record and shall also be made available to the press. However, reports-in-progress on which the Board has taken no final action, shall be released only upon the Board's authority as "tentative reports".
2. A press table, provided with extra working copies of the agenda and agenda materials, shall be located near the entrance of the meeting room.
3. In order that the Board may transact its business with dispatch, questions from the press will not be entertained while meetings are in progress. The Board Chairperson or his/her designee will be available after each meeting to answer reporters' questions and to clarify points of discussion and action.
4. When individual Board members receive requests from news media representatives for information about Board meetings, members shall refer the requests to the board chairperson who shall be the spokesperson for the board except as he or she specifically delegates this responsibility to others. Members of subcommittees will refer requests to subcommittee chairpersons.

In the event that representatives of the news media are unable to attend a meeting, they shall be provided upon request with a summary of important board actions.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
 1-21 Meetings of government agencies to be public.  
 Recording of votes. Schedule and agenda of meetings to be filed.  
 Notice of special meetings. Executive sessions  
 1-21f Regular meetings to be held pursuant to  
 regulation, ordinance or resolution