

B-28 NEWS MEDIA SERVICES AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board believes that one of the paramount responsibilities of a board of education is to keep the public informed of its problems, deliberations, policies, and actions. Therefore, the Board encourages the attendance of media representatives at all meetings excepting executive sessions.

1. A copy of the agenda will be sent in advance to members of the media who request it.
2. A media table, provided with a copy of the agenda, shall be located near the Board's table to enable reporters to follow the discussion without difficulty.
3. Questions from the media will be entertained at the discretion of the President while meetings are in progress. However, a representative of the Board will be available after each meeting to answer reporter's 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 information-seekers to the Board President or the Superintendent of Schools who shall be the spokesperson for the Board except as he or she specifically delegates this responsibility to others.

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

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