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Community Relations

Communications with the Public

<u>General.</u> The Board of Education believes it is important to inform the public about school curriculum, programs, and activities so citizens can participate in these programs. Concurrently, the school staff, administration, and Board should be aware of the community's goals and concerns for its children so they may be given consideration in curriculum, program, and activity revisions.

To this end, the Board supports and encourages various means such as publications, press releases, open houses, and other public events to disseminate school district information and to hear from the community.

<u>Administration of the Community Relations Program.</u> The community relations program shall be a concurrent responsibility of the Board and the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall work with members of the Board to conduct an active and comprehensive informational program throughout the school district.

Staff members shall be kept informed of community relations efforts, and their support and participation in such efforts shall be sought.

<u>News of Board of Education Meetings and Activities.</u> The Board shall cooperate with the press, radio and television to provide information about the Board's business in accordance with law.

Board minutes shall be available in unapproved form, within 72 hours of a Board meeting excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays; a written record of board votes shall be available for public inspection in the Superintendent's office within 48 hours of a Board meeting excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. Minutes will be posted on the school's website.

It should be made clear to anyone wishing to review the minutes that they are unofficial until approved by the Board.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes 1-13 - 1-18 Public Records: General Provisions 1-200 - 1-240 Freedom of Information Act 10-220 Duties of Boards of Education

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