

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Brookings Board of Education, as the representative body of the school district, wishes to provide an avenue for any citizen to express interest in the schools. Accordingly, the public is invited to attend any and all regular or special sessions of the board.

Meetings of the Board are conducted for the purpose of carrying on the business of the schools and therefore are not public meetings, but meetings held in public. Meetings are closed to the public only during executive sessions, the sole purpose of which is to:

- discuss the qualifications, competence, performance or fitness of any employee or prospective employee;
- discuss the suspension, expulsion, discipline, assignment of or educational program for a student;
- consult with legal counsel or reviewing commendations from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters;
- prepare for contract negotiations with employees or their representatives.

The intent of the rules of this policy are: (1) to allow everyone who wishes, a fair and adequate hearing; (2) to permit the superintendent to take direct action or to recommend action to the board; (3) to minimize the possibility of the board making ill advised, illegal, or improper rulings due to hasty action in the absence of adequate information and study, especially when a policy does not exist, a change in policy is proposed, or an exception to a policy is specifically requested; and (4) to see that the time so devoted does not interfere with the scheduled business of the board.

Legal References: SDCL 1-25-1 (Official meetings open to the public)

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