

WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 59-2 OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICY



EXECUTIVE SESSIONS AT BOARD MEETINGS

School Board meetings are open to the public except in those instances when it is appropriate for the Board to go into executive (closed) session. The purposes for which the Board may go into executive session are listed below. Matters discussed in executive session shall be deemed confidential and shall not be disclosed except for the taking of any appropriate official action taken in open session following the conclusion of the executive session, or unless disclosure is legally authorized or required by law.

1. The Board may go into executive session for the following purposes (SDCL 1-25-2):
 - a. Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any employee or prospective employee; but this does not include an independent contractor;
 - b. Discussing the expulsion, suspension, discipline, assignment of or the educational program of a student;
 - c. Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters; or
 - d. Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives.
 - e. Discussing marketing or pricing strategies
 - f. To discuss or implement school safety measures
2. Prior to going into executive session, a motion shall be made which identifies the purpose of the executive session. After a second, discussion, and affirmative vote, the Board shall reconvene in executive session. Discussion during the executive session shall be limited to the purpose stated in the motion. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Chair shall declare the Board out of executive session, and the Board shall reconvene in public to take any action that it deems appropriate under the agenda.
3. Board members and administrators shall keep confidential all discussions held in executive session, unless disclosure is otherwise authorized or required by law. Unauthorized disclosure of executive session discussion shall be a violation of this policy. If the Board determines, upon due investigation, that an administrator has violated this policy, the offending administrator shall be subject to discipline in the form of verbal reprimand, written reprimand, suspension or termination. If the Board determines, upon due investigation, that a Board member has violated this policy, the Board may issue a public reprimand through a proper motion.