

## Community Relations

### Public, Press, Radio, and Television: Coverage of Board of Education Meetings

#### Access by News Media Personnel to Board of Education Meetings

Board meetings to which the public has access may be photographed, broadcast, or recorded for broadcast by any private citizen, newspaper, radio broadcasting company or television broadcasting company, subject to the following guidelines.

1. News media personnel or private citizens who intend to photograph, broadcast, or record for broadcast the proceedings of any public meeting of the Board of Education shall provide appropriate identification to the Superintendent of Schools, prior to said meeting of the Board.
2. Only private citizens or news media personnel who are employed by a newspaper; radio broadcasting company or television broadcasting company or personnel of a recognized student news medium who are assigned the duty of obtaining news coverage of the proceedings of a duly called public meeting of the Board of Education shall be permitted to photograph, record for broadcast, or broadcast such proceedings.
3. Any private citizen, photographer, broadcaster, or news journalist authorized by his/her employer or student news medium to photograph, broadcast, or record for broadcast proceedings at a public meeting of the Board of Education, and any personnel associated with said photographer, broadcaster, or news journalist shall photograph, broadcast, or record for broadcast the proceedings of said meeting as inconspicuously as possible and in such a manner as not to disturb the proceedings.
4. If, in the judgment of the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the presence at a Board of Education meeting of any photographer, broadcaster, or news journalist causes such a disruption that orderly conduct of the public business at such meeting becomes infeasible, access by any one or more of these individuals to the meeting may be limited to the extent necessary to remedy the disruption.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-226 Recording, broadcasting or photographing meetings.

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