

**Policy Number:**

**173**

**Title:**

**Closed Sessions**

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All meetings of the School Board shall be open to the public, except those meetings for which the purposes are specifically exempt by state law.

A meeting may be convened in closed session under one or more of the exemptions provided by law, after a proper motion has been made and carried by a majority vote in such a manner that the vote of each member is ascertained and recorded in the minutes.

The Board President shall announce to those present at the meeting, at which such motion is made, the nature of the business to be considered at such closed session and the specific exception or exemptions by which such closed session is authorized.

The Board may not commence a meeting, subsequently convene in closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session within twelve (12) hours after completion of the closed session, unless public notice of such subsequent open session is given at the time and in the same manner as the public notice of the meeting convened prior to the closed session.

#### Confidentiality of Subjects Discussed

Content of discussions held during closed sessions of the School Board are to be considered confidential until such time as the majority of the Board members rules otherwise or as required by law.

Because such action may be crucial to the well-being of the School District when considering personnel matters, competitive or bargaining matters, or strategies being considered with respect to litigation, any Board Member or administrator who violates the confidentiality rule shall be subject to censure.

LEGAL REF: Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85, Section 120.11

CROSS REF: 171.2, Agenda Preparation and Dissemination

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