

BROADCASTING/TAPING OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

RSU 56 Board of Directors establishes the following guidelines to govern the public use of recording devices at meetings of the school board or its committees.

Any recording device may be used by members of the public so long as it does not:

1. Require the use of power cords and microphone cords that would interfere with the free movement of traffic into, out of and within the meeting room;
2. Produce sufficient continuous or periodic sounds that interfere with speakers or with the ability of all persons present to hear the proceedings;
3. Require the occasional or frequent relocation of a microphone or microphones in such a manner as to be disruptive to speakers or other persons present; and/or
4. Require excessive space in the meeting room so that any participants or observers at the meeting are displaced or excluded or cannot see because of the device.
5. Record activities or discussions that take place in executive session.
6. The individual making the request shall be present during the taping in order to support equipment needs and to ensure board policies are adhered to.

Whenever a taped or filmed recording is being made of a meeting, the person making the tape or film shall first notify the board chair or the appropriate person conducting the meeting that the meeting is to be filmed or taped.

When, at the request of any board member and/or when, in the judgment of the chair, any of the above guidelines have been violated in such a way as to interfere with the conduct of the meeting or with the ability of the public to observe the proceedings of the meeting, the chair shall request the operator of the recording device to comply with the guidelines. If said interference continues, the chair shall direct that the recording be discontinued and, if necessary, that the recording device be removed from the meeting room.

Legal Reference: Title 1, M.R.S.A. § 404

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