

	<b>ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	<b>NEPN Code: BE</b>
	<b>POLICIES AND REGULATIONS</b>	

## **SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

The annual meeting of the School Board shall be the organizational meeting of the Board and will be held on the second Monday of July unless otherwise designated by the Board at the prior regular meeting.

Regular meetings are scheduled to occur on the second and fourth Monday of each month unless changed by an action of the School Board.

Special meetings may be called by the president or by the vice-president in the president's absence.

Any official meeting, including executive session meetings, may be conducted by teleconference. A teleconference is an exchange of information by audio, video, or electronic medium, including the internet. A member is deemed present if the member answers present to the roll call conducted by teleconference for the purpose of determining a quorum. Each vote at an official meeting held by teleconference may be taken by voice vote. If any member votes in the negative, the vote shall proceed to a roll call vote. A teleconference may be used to conduct a hearing. If the school board conducts an official meeting by teleconference, the school board shall provide a place at which the public may listen to and participate in the teleconference meeting. For any official meeting held by teleconference, which has less than a quorum of school board members participating in the meeting who are present at the location open to the public, arrangements shall be provided for the public to listen to the meeting via telephone or internet. The requirement to provide one or more places for the public to listen to the teleconference does not apply to an executive session meeting.

Executive or closed meetings shall be held only upon a majority vote of the members of such body present and voting, and discussion during the closed meeting is restricted to the purpose specified in the closure motion. Executive meetings may be held for the sole purpose of:

1. Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term "employee" does not include any independent contractor;
2. Discussing the expulsion, suspension, discipline, assignment of or the educational program of a student;
3. Consulting with legal counsel or reviewing communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters;
4. Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives;
5. Discussing marketing or pricing strategies by a Board or commission of a business owned by the state or any of its political subdivisions, when public discussion may be harmful to the competitive position of the business.

However, any official action concerning such matters discussed in an executive meeting shall be made at an open official meeting. An executive or closed meeting shall be held only upon a majority vote of the members of such body present and voting, and discussion during the closed meeting is restricted to the purpose specified in the closure motion. Nothing in SDCL 1-25-1 may be construed to prevent an executive or closed meeting if the federal or state Constitution or the federal or state statutes require or permit it.

**LEGAL REFERENCES:**

SDCL 1-25-1 Official meetings open to the public  
SDCL 1-25-1.1 Notice of meetings of public bodies  
SDCL 1-25-1.5 Teleconference meeting or hearing  
SDCL 1-25-11 Recording of meeting permitted  
SDCL 1-25-12 Definitions  
SDCL 1-25-2 Executive or closed meetings  
SDCL 1-27-1.16 Material relating to open meeting agenda item to be available  
SDCL 13-8-10 Meetings of board  
SDCL 13-32-6 Disturbance of school as a misdemeanor  
SDCL 22-18-35(3) Disturbing any lawful assembly or meeting of persons without lawful authority

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