

Open Attendance at Board Meetings

With few exceptions, the _____ promotes an open meeting policy. Staff, congregational members, parents, friends may attend and observe board meetings. The board practices openness with school finances and openness concerning decision-making.

Executive sessions or "closed" board meetings may occasionally be called to address sensitive issues such as personnel or legal matters. Information from executive sessions must be maintained by each board member as confidential and is not allowed to be discussed with those outside the board. This includes spouses.

Occasions may arise when staff or parents wish to bring to the attention of the board an issue of concern. Prior to arriving at this point, individuals are encouraged to reach out to teachers, the director and principal utilizing the school's grievance policy to resolve issues without further escalation. If additional attention needs to be brought to the issue and If the issue is not resolved through the grievance policy process, the principal, director or board member may request an audience with the board at their next regularly scheduled meeting. A board response will be provided subsequent to the meeting.