

BROADCASTING/TAPING OF BOARD MEETINGS

Members of the public may use their cell phones or other electronic devices to record Board meetings or portions of public Board Meetings so long as the person engaged in recording does not change position frequently or interfere with the view of others in attendance.

The following guidelines will govern the public use of recording devices at the public meetings of the school board and subcommittees of the Board.

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

- A. 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;
- B. Produce sufficient continuous or periodic sounds that interfere with speakers or with the ability of all persons present to hear the proceedings;
- C. 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;
- D. 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.

The Chair has the authority to request that any person using a cell phone or other recording device to comply with the provisions of this policy when, in their judgment, the activity is interfering with the orderly conduct of the meeting and/or the ability of the public to observe the proceedings. If the problem persists, the Chair may direct that the recording be discontinued and, if necessary, that the recording device be removed from the meeting room. Members of the public are not permitted to attend or record any executive session of the Board, whether the meeting is held in person or remotely.

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