

## **NEWS COVERAGE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

All regular meetings, special meetings, emergency meetings and executive sessions will be conducted in accordance with the North Dakota Century Code.

Radio and television stations desiring to report proceedings of regular public meetings of the Board from the floor of the meeting room, either live or delayed and including regular broadcasts, are requested to notify the School Superintendent at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. This request will enable the district to provide assistance to the news media and help the school district ensure that the scheduled meeting room is of adequate size and suitably equipped for media coverage. Should the venue for a meeting need to be changed as a result of the request the school district shall provide notice of the change.

The superintendent will attempt to notify the school board members when the media will broadcast a board meeting.

Reporters and media technicians are required to structure their movements, equipment setup, removal, and adjustments, etc., in such a manner as to not disrupt any Board deliberations or the ability of the audience to see and hear the proceedings. No media coverage is permitted to become intrusive to the official action taking place during the meeting.

Representatives of the media will be allowed to participate in the Board meeting in accordance with school board policy BCBA Public Participation at School Board Meetings.

Interviews shall not be conducted inside the meeting room during the time that the Board is in session. During the time the Board meeting is in session, interviews may not be conducted in the hallways or rooms adjacent to the board meeting room nor in a manner that disrupts the meeting.

At the meeting, radio and television personnel will remain at least five (5) feet away from the board table when the Board is in session. Reporters shall not approach the table with microphones or other recording devices during the meeting.

These rules are meant to ensure that the board meeting is not unduly disrupted.