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PUBLIC NATURE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The Rochester School Board is a corporate body established for the public good. As such the School Board and its individual members have power only when convened as a body in a properly posted public meeting or, if in non-public session, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 91-A:3.

School Board Action becomes official and binding provided:

1. The corporate meeting is open to the public.
2. Discretion is exercised - no preliminary binding action is taken prior to the meeting.
3. Notice of the meeting is given to all the members and twenty-four hour notice is given to the public.
4. A quorum is present.
5. Action is authorized by statute.
6. No improper restraint of constitutional rights occurs.

Board minutes must be available to the public within seventy-two (72) hours except for minutes of non-public sessions which have been sealed in accordance with RSA 91-A:3. Minutes are the official voice of the School Board. This requires that:

1. No Board member can speak for the Board except as delegated by official Board action.
2. The burden of proof will be on any Board member claiming the right to act on behalf of the Board.
3. Oral evidence will not prevail over the written minutes of the School Board.

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