

# **RULES OF THE MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

## **BOARD RULE 1.04 EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

(1) All meetings of the Board and its committees shall be open to the public, except that a meeting of the Board may be convened in a closed session under one or more of the exemptions provided for by state statutes and listed below:

- (a) deliberating after any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing;
- (b) considering dismissal, demotion, licensing, or disciplining of any employee of the Board, provided the employee is given notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of the meeting at which final action may be taken. The notice shall contain a statement that the employee has the right to demand that the evidentiary hearing or meeting be held in open session;
- (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any employee of the Board;
- (d) considering specific applications of probation or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention;
- (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session;
- (f) considering financial, medical, or personal histories, or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems, or the investigation of charges against specific persons, except where paragraph (b) applies, which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations;
- (g) conferring by the Board, or one of its committees, with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Board with respect to litigation in which it is, or is likely to become, involved;
- (h) considering requests for confidential written advice from the ethics board under section 19.46(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, or from any local government ethics board.

(2) No motion to hold a closed session or to adjourn from an open session into a closed session shall be adopted unless the president announces to those present at the meeting the general nature of the business to be considered in the closed session and the specific statutory exemption or exemptions by which such closed session is claimed to be authorized. No other business shall be taken up during that session.

(3) The Board shall not convene in an open session, subsequently retire to a closed session, and then reconvene into an open session within a 12-hour period, unless public notice of the subsequent open session will have been given at the same time and in the same manner as was the public notice of the initial meeting.

(4) That a closed session will be, or was, held shall be recorded in the minutes of the preceding or subsequent regular meeting.

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