Communication with the Public

The Bethany Board of Education (Board) recognizes it is important to inform the public about school curriculum, programs, and activities so citizens can participate in these programs. Concurrently, the administration and Board should be aware of the community's goals and concerns for its children so they may be given consideration in program and activity revisions.

The Board encourages public input into the decision making process. To this end, the Board supports and encourages various means such as publications, press releases, open houses, websites, and public events to disseminate Bethany Public School District (District) information and to hear from the community.

Community members are encouraged to visit the District's website for information about the District including Board and staff e-mail addresses. This will also provide an opportunity for citizens to offer input into District activities or plans.

The community relations program shall be a concurrent responsibility of the Board and the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall work with members of the administration to conduct an active and comprehensive informational program.

Staff members shall be kept informed of community relations efforts and their support and participation in such efforts shall be sought, as deemed appropriate.

The Board will place on its agenda any properly signed written communication from a citizen or organization.

Board minutes shall be available in unapproved form, within seven (7) days of a Board meeting excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays; a written record of Board votes shall be available for public inspection within forty-eight (48) hours of a Board meeting excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. (In determining the time herein, any day on which the Board office is closed shall also be excluded.)

It should be made clear to anyone wishing to review minutes that they are unofficial until approved by the Board.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-200
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