

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

The St. Mary Parish School Board shall be authorized to hold meetings that are closed to the public upon formal motion made, seconded and carried by two-thirds of its members present at an open meeting for which proper notice has been given. The reason for holding a meeting closed to the public and the vote of each member on the question shall be stated in open meeting. Executive sessions shall be limited to matters allowed to be exempted from discussion at open meetings, however, no final or binding action shall be taken during such a closed meeting and the meeting shall not be used as subterfuge to defeat the purposes outlined in the statutes.

Executive sessions may be held for the following reasons:

1. Discussion of the character, the professional competence, physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four (24) hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, before the scheduled time contained in the notice of the meeting at which such executive session is to take place, and that such person may require that such discussion be held at an open meeting. However, an executive session shall not be used for discussion of the appointment of a person to the School Board or, except as provided in La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §39:1593(C)(2)(c), for discussing the award of a public contract. In cases of extraordinary emergency, written notice to such person shall not be required; however, the School Board shall give such notice as it deems appropriate and circumstances permit.
2. Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the School Board. Attached to the written public notice of the meeting shall be whether or not such matters will be discussed in an executive session. The notice shall indicate the following:

A statement identifying the court, case number, and the parties relative to any pending litigation to be considered at the meeting.

A statement identifying the parties involved and reasonably identifying the subject matter of any prospective litigation for which formal written demand has been made that is to be considered at the meeting.

In cases of extraordinary emergency, such notice shall not be required; however, the School Board shall give such notice of the meeting as it deems appropriate and circumstances permit.

3. Discussion regarding the report, development, or course of action regarding

security personnel, plans, or devices, including discussions concerning cybersecurity plans, financial security procedures, and assessment and implementation of any such plans or procedures.

4. Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct;
5. Cases of extraordinary emergency, which shall be limited to natural disaster, threat of epidemic, civil disturbances, suppression of insurrections, or the repelling of invasions, or other matters of similar magnitude; and/or
6. Any other matters now provided for or as may be provided for by the Legislature.

Louisiana Statutes do not prohibit the removal of any person or persons who willfully disrupt a meeting to the extent that orderly conduct of the meeting is seriously compromised.

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