

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NEWS COVERAGE AND BROADCASTING

The St. Mary Parish School Board desires to facilitate public access to School Board meetings, to encourage public involvement, and to further improve transparency as it relates to School Board operations. To ensure such public access, the School Board shall broadcast live all of its proceedings in public meetings, including the School Board's committee meetings. *Broadcast live* means the publicly available distribution of audio and video of a meeting in real or near real time via the internet or television broadcast.

The School Board recognizes the rights of the public and members of the news media to record a public meeting. In order to help ensure proper decorum and protect the integrity of any meeting of the School Board, the Superintendent and/or his/her designee shall maintain appropriate administrative regulations and procedures governing the broadcasting or videotaping of School Board meetings. The School Board reserves the right to alter, change, or determine on a case-by-case basis for each meeting any additional regulations or procedures to assure proper decorum and protect the integrity of meetings of the School Board.

All regular and special meetings of the St. Mary Parish School Board, with such exceptions as provided in policy *BCBK, Executive Sessions*, shall be open to representatives of the press, television, and radio. The proceedings of the meetings may be recorded by these representatives.

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Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:81, 42:23, 43:141; Board minutes, 11-13-14, 12-12-24.