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Executive Sessions

Educational matters should be discussed and decisions made at public meetings of the Board. Some matters are more properly discussed by the Board in executive session. As permitted by law, the Board may enter into executive session for consideration of the following matters:

1. the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official or student, unless such individual requests a public hearing (the Board will not hold an executive session for the discipline of one of its members for conduct related to the performance of his/her official duties or for his/her removal from office);

2. either the purchase of property for public purposes, or ~~for~~ the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest;

3. specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing, or avoiding prosecution for, a violation of the law;

4. matters required to be kept confidential by Federal law or State statutes;

5. preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment;

6. in-person conferences with an attorney for the Board concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action or

7. consideration of confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance provided that:

    A. the information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under provisions of State law authorized in Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8)(1), or involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project and

    B. a unanimous quorum of the Board has determined by a roll-call vote the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

Conferences with a member of the Auditor of State's Office or an appointed certified public accountant for the purpose of an audit are not considered meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act (Sunshine Law).

The Board meets in executive session only to discuss legally authorized matters. Executive sessions are held only as part of a regular or special meeting and only after a majority of the quorum determines, by a roll-call vote, to hold such a session.

When the Board holds an executive session for any of the reasons stated above, the motion and vote to hold the executive session shall state one or more of the purposes listed under such paragraph for which the executive session is to be held, but need not include the name of any person to be considered in the executive session. The minutes shall reflect the information described above.

In compliance with law, no official action may be taken in executive session. To take final action on any matter discussed, the Board reconvenes into public session.

The Board may invite staff members or others to attend executive sessions at its discretion.

No present or former Board members or employees shall disclose or use, without appropriate authorization, any information acquired in the course of official duties (which is confidential because of statutory provisions) or which has been clearly designated as confidential because of the status of proceedings or the circumstances under which the information was received.

Legal	ORC 102.03
	ORC 121.22
Cross References	AFBA (Also BCCB) - Evaluation of the Treasurer
	BCD (Also CBI) - Board-Superintendent Relationship
	BCE - Board Committees
	BCF - Advisory Committees to the Board
	BD - School Board Meetings
	BDDG - Minutes
	KBA - Public's Right to Know
	KLD - Public Complaints About District Personnel