

Section B: School Board Governance and Operation

BEDI News Media Services at Board Meetings

The Board believes that one of its paramount responsibilities is to keep the public informed of the operations, programs, progress, and problems of Region 8. Consequently, Board meetings are open to the press and the public. In the event that representatives of the news media are unable to attend a meeting, upon request, the Director shall provide a summary of important Board actions.

Public documents, as defined by state statute, will be made available as provided by statute and Region 8's procedures. A charge will be made for copies per the fee schedule provided for in Maine statute.

When individual Board members receive requests from news media representatives for information or comment, members shall refer the inquiries to the Board Chair or Director who shall be public spokespersons for the Board. No Board member is restricted from speaking or furnishing information or public documents to the press as long as it is clear the Board member is speaking for themselves and not the Board as a whole.

Legal Reference: 1 M.R.S.A. § 408-A (3)

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