

BROADCASTING AND TAPING OF BOARD MEETINGS

As a meeting of a public body, school board meetings are open to the public so that people can witness and observe the decision making process. To further reach members of the community who may not be able to attend, meetings open to the public shall be open to being photographed, broadcast, and/or webcast.

The use of any photography, broadcast, recording equipment or other such device to allow for the broadcasting or recording of public meetings of the Board of Education, or a committee appointed thereby, is permissible as long as the device is unobtrusive and will not distract from the true deliberative process of the Board. The Board President or chairperson of the committee shall be informed prior to the meeting that such recordings are being made. The Board President, in turn, will inform attendees at the opening of the meeting.

The Board reserves the right to direct that a digital recording be made to ensure a reliable, accurate, and complete account of Board meetings.

Ref: Open Meetings Law, Public Officers Law §§100 *et seq.*
Committee on Open Government, Model Rules: Public Access to Meetings of Public Body, http://dos.state.ny.us/coog/modelregs_photo_record_broadcast.html
Mitchell v. Board of Education of Garden City UFSD,
113 AD2d 924 (1985)
Feldman v. Town of Bethel, 106 AD 2d 695 (1984)
People v. Ystueta, 99 Misc 2d 1105(1979)

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