

## MINUTES

*Category: Recommended*

The Board will keep a record of the actions taken at Board meetings in the form of minutes. Minutes shall include the names of members participating, persons appearing before the School Board, a brief description of each subject matter discussed, and a record of all final decisions. When a recorded roll call vote on a motion is required by law or called for by the Chair, the minutes will record how each board member voted on the motion.

Copies of the draft minutes of a meeting will be sent to the members of the Board before the meeting at which they are to be approved. Corrections to the minutes may be made at the meeting at which they are to be approved.

All minutes will be kept in accordance with RSA 91-A:2 and RSA 91-A:3 and will be in the custody of the Superintendent. Draft Minutes of all public meetings, clearly marked as drafts, will be made available for public inspection no later than five (5) business days after each public session. Minutes for non-public sessions shall be kept as a separate document. Draft minutes for all non-public sessions, unless sealed by a recorded roll call vote taken in public session with 2/3 of the board members present supporting the motion, will be made available for public inspection within seventy-two (72) hours after the non-public session.

Approved minutes, except those non-public session minutes which are sealed, shall be consistently posted on the District's web site in a reasonably accessible location or the web site shall contain a notice describing where the minutes may be reviewed and copies requested. Draft minutes will be available for inspection at the District's administrative office.

Sealed minutes shall be reviewed periodically and unsealed by majority vote of the Board if the circumstances justifying sealing the minutes no longer apply. The Superintendent shall identify and bring to the Board's attention minutes which have been sealed because disclosure would render the proposed action ineffective where the action has been completed and the minutes no longer need to be sealed. The Superintendent will also identify any other sealed minutes where the justification for sealing no longer applies due to the passage of time. Generally, non-public session minutes sealed because divulgence of the information would likely affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a member of the School Board, will remain sealed.

### **Legal References:**

*RSA 91-A:2 II, Public Records and Meetings: Meetings Open to Public*

*RSA 91-A:2,II-a,*

*RSA 91-A:3 III, Public Records and Meetings: Non-Public Sessions*

*RSA 91-A:4 I, Public Records and Meetings: Minutes and Records available for Public Inspection*

**NHSBA note, September 2017:** This update is in response to the requirement imposed by House Bill 170, Laws of 2017, Chapter 234, that Districts either consistently post approved meeting minutes on the District web site in a reasonably accessible location or maintain a notice on the web site advising where the meeting minutes may be inspected and copies requested. The policy is also updated to clarify the statutory requirements for the content of minutes, addresses disclosing draft minutes to satisfy the deadlines for disclosure, and the duty to unseal the sealed minutes of non-public sessions in some circumstances.

SAU #7 Policy Committee: Recommended for Adoption – February 22, 2018

Clarksville School Board: Adopted – October 17, 2018

Colebrook School Board: Adopted - March 28, 2018

Columbia School Board: Adopted – April 3, 2018

Pittsburg School Board: Adopted – March 26, 2018

Stewartstown School Board: Adopted – March 5, 2018