

Board Policy

Code No. 902.1

NEWS MEDIA RELATIONS

The Board recognizes the value of and supports open, fair and honest communication with the news media. The Board will maintain a cooperative relationship with the news media in the school district community. As part of this cooperative relationship, the Board and the media will develop a means for sharing information while respecting each party's limitations.

Members of the news media are encouraged and welcome to attend open Board meetings. The President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools shall be the spokespersons for the Board and the school district.

Members of the news media seeking information about the school district shall direct their inquiries to the Director of Communications, Superintendent, or the President of the Board of Education. Designated spokespersons for the school district shall accurately and objectively provide the appropriate information and the position of the Board in response to inquiries from the news media about the school district.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 21.4; 22; 279.8 (2011).

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