

# 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 board president is the spokesperson for the board, and the superintendent is the spokesperson for the school district. It is the responsibility of the board president and superintendent to respond to inquiries from the news media about the school district.

Members of the news media seeking information about the school district shall direct their inquiries to the director of communications or superintendent. The 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).

*Cross Reference* 902 *Press, Radio, and Television News Media*

*Approved:* June 19, 1989

*Reapproved:* June 21, 1993  
May 19, 2008  
February 19, 2013

*Revised:* August 5, 1996  
March 18, 2002  
May 16, 2005  
March 31, 2022