

Policy Number and Name: 318 Director of Education and Board Planning and Working Meetings

Policy Section: 300 Board Governance

Effective Date: November 23, 2023

Revised Date:

Purpose:

Working meetings of the Board and Director may be required in a closed session to discuss matters of a sensitive nature or to explore matters in further detail prior to a regular meeting.

Policy:

- 1) The Board believes that its fundamental obligation is to preserve and enhance the public trust in education generally and in the affairs of its operations in particular. The Board believes this trust is preserved through the conduct of Board meetings, which are open to the public, but at the same time recognizes that occasions may arise when it is in the best public interest to discuss sensitive and exploratory matters in closed sessions.
- 2) As a general practice, Planning and Director/Board Working meetings shall be held as required.
- 3) The usual rules of procedure for Public Board meetings shall be observed in Planning and Director/Board Working meetings.
- 4) Trustees and other persons attending Planning and Director/Board Working meetings are bound not to disclose the details of discussion at such meetings.