



Open Meetings Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to comply with North Carolina's Open Meetings law.

It is the public policy of North Carolina that the hearings, deliberations, and actions of public bodies be conducted publicly. An official meeting is a meeting, assembly, or gathering together of a majority of the members of the board for the purpose of conducting hearings, participating in deliberations, voting upon public business, or otherwise transacting public business.

As a public body, Voyager is subject to North Carolina's Open Meeting laws, N. C. G.S. Section 143. It is the Board's policy to comply with those laws. To that end, except for closed sessions, board meetings are open to the public. Notice of board meeting will be publicly posted at the School and on its website in accordance with State law. The timing for the meeting notice will be consistent with North Carolina law. Notice of the meeting will identify the date, time and location, including the type of meeting to be held. If members of the Board deliberate, vote or take other action on a matter at an official meeting, they must do so in a way that allows the public in attendance to understand what subject is being considered.

Voyager's Board may hold a closed session if it first begins an open official meeting after proper public notice. During the open part of the official meeting, the Board shall make and adopt a motion to hold a closed session. In making the motion to hold a closed session, the Board shall state which of the legally acceptable purposes it is relying upon to justify the closed session. As such, the Board may hold a closed session during one of its official meetings to prevent public disclosure of the following types of information: legally confidential information, honorary degrees, scholarships, prizes and awards, attorney-client discussions, location or expansion of business, contract negotiations, certain personnel matters, and criminal investigations (North Carolina General Statutes Section 143-318.11. Closed sessions)

The Board shall keep full and accurate minutes of all official meetings (including closed sessions). Such minutes may be in written form or, at the Board's option, may be in the form of sound or video and sound recordings. When the Board meets in closed session, it shall keep a general account of the closed session so that a person not in attendance would have a reasonable understanding of what transpired. Minutes of legitimate closed sessions are public records, but they may be withheld from public inspection so long as public inspection would frustrate the purpose of the closed session. The minutes of open sessions and accounts of closed sessions may be in written form or video and/or audio recordings.