

Williamson County Board of Education

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1 **BOARD MEETING NEWS COVERAGE**

2 An electronic copy of the agenda and agenda materials shall be sent in advance to members of the
3 news media who request it. Additionally, all reports approved by the Board shall be made available to
4 the media.

5 The media shall be provided with working copies of the agenda and agenda materials upon request.

6 The Chair of the Board and/or the Superintendent of Schools shall be available after each meeting to
7 answer questions and to clarify points of discussion and action.

8 **NEWS RELEASES AND NEWS CONFERENCES**

9 The release of official news from the school district shall be coordinated as follows:

- 10 1. The Chair shall be the official spokesman for the Board;
- 11 2. News releases which are of a system wide nature or pertain to established system policy are the
12 responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools/designee; and

13 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

14 When individual board members or the Superintendent of Schools express their views on any issue
15 which is in opposition to a view expressed in board policy, they have the duty to make clear that the
16 view expressed is not the official view of the Board or school system.
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Cross References

Board-Community Relations 1.500
Crisis Management 3.203
Political Activities 5.606
Student Suicide Prevention 6.415
Media Access to Students 6.604