

**WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

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NEWS MEDIA SERVICES AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board encourages the attendance of press representatives at all meetings.

1. A copy of the agenda and agenda materials will be sent in advance to members of the working press who request it. Additionally, all reports approved by the board shall be considered matters of official record and shall also be made available to the press. However, reports-in-progress on which the board has taken no final action shall be released only upon the board's authority as "tentative reports."
2. A press table, provided with extra working copies of the agenda and agenda materials, shall be located near the board's table to enable reporters to follow discussion without difficulty.
3. In order that the board may transact its business with dispatch, questions from the press will not be entertained while meetings are in progress. However, a representative of the board will be available after each meeting to answer reporter's questions and to clarify points of discussion and action.
4. When individual board members receive requests from news media representatives for information about the official position of the board on specific issues, members shall refer the information-seekers to the board chairperson or the superintendent who shall be the spokespersons for the board except as he/she or the board specifically delegates this responsibility to others.

END OF POLICY