

SECTION: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

TITLE: LIVE STREAMING OF MEETINGS

ADOPTED: JUNE 17, 2024

REVISED:

EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

006.2. LIVE STREAMING OF MEETINGS

1. Purpose

The Board recognizes the value of public awareness and transparency regarding School District issues and discussions, as well as the usefulness of broadcasting the proceedings for the benefit of the public who are unable to attend a meeting in person.

2. Authority

The Board directs it shall be the policy of the East Stroudsburg Area School District to live stream audiovisual recordings of its publicly convened meetings of the Board, which include but are not limited to Board of School Director regular, special, Committee of the Whole, committee meetings, etc. The public meetings will be broadcast at the time of the public meeting via Zoom and YouTube. The recording of the meeting will be published on the District's website within two (2) business days of the conclusion of the public meeting.

The audiovisual recording of any District public meeting created and/or produced by the District is the exclusive property of the District. The District shall retain the audiovisual recordings for one (1) year from the date of the public meeting, after which time the audiovisual recording will be purged by the District in accordance with its records retention policy.

The audiovisual recording of any public meeting produced by the District or a member of the public is not the official record of the public meeting. The Board or committee approved-written minutes will continue to be the exclusive official record of the public Board meeting.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to permit the audiovisual recording of executive sessions, conferences, or other non-public meetings of the Board when discussing personnel, litigation, or negotiations.

3. Notification

The published agenda available at the public meetings and on the District's website will state the public meeting is being live streamed and recorded for the purpose of public broadcast and posting on the District website.

The following notification will be posted on the district's website and at the entrance to the Board meeting

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room:

“The purpose of audiovisual recording of this meeting is for public information. Attendees appearing in person and those participating via Zoom do not have any expectation of privacy during a public meeting. Attendance will be considered consent to audiovisual recording by the District. The opinions or statements expressed by any member of the public during the meeting are those of the individual speaker. The District does not necessarily endorse or support the views, opinions, standards or information contained in the live streaming/recording of the public meetings. The District hereby expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability for any false, defamatory or slanderous statements expressed by the individual speaker.”

Legal References:

65 Pa. C.S.A. 701 et seq
Pol. 006, 006.1