

**CAFA, Inc. dba
Learning Foundation and Learning Foundation and Performing Arts Schools**

Governing Board Meetings

PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW / FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The **Board** recognizes the right of the public to information concerning its actions, its policies, and the details of its educational and business operations. The **Board** encourages study, discussion, and active participation by all concerned in the promotion of the best possible program of education in the community. It is the practice of the **Board** to utilize the advice and assistance of interested individuals and groups in the solution of educational and financial issues.

In recognizing the cooperating organizations in the District and by encouraging their active participation in educational policy making, the **Board** wishes to make it clear that in no way does it wish to escape accountability to the citizens of the community as the official **governing** body responsible for a final decision on all matters of policy and educational programs. The **Board** accepts the following basic principles that are essential to a meaningful public-relations program:

- ◆ The **Board** will transact all official business in open **meetings** (except as exempted by law), which the press, the public, and school employees are welcome to attend, and at which time communications, both oral and written, may be received and considered when placed on the agenda.
- ◆ The **Board** will function as speedily and as efficiently as circumstances permit, and always with due regard for the public interest.
- ◆ **Board** members will familiarize themselves with the work of the school system in all major areas and shall bring to the schools the viewpoint, the knowledge, and the wisdom of the community
- ◆ The **Board** will make provision for keeping a record of the proceedings of all **meetings**. Minutes of all **Board meetings** (except executive sessions) shall be considered matters of public record.
- ◆ The **Board** will keep in mind that maintaining the confidence and respect of the community is of paramount importance to the success of the educational program of the District.

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