

Executive Summary: Move to Keep Closed Session Minutes Closed (Jan 2026-June 2026)

Pursuant to the state Open Meetings Act and board governance policy, a semi-annual review has been conducted of all closed session minutes recorded between January 1, 2026, and June 30, 2026.

Key Considerations & Justification

During the January–June 2026 period, closed session discussions focused on three primary areas that still require protection:

- Pending Legal Matters: Discussions involving ongoing litigation strategies. Premature release would compromise district defense positions.
- Personnel & Student Privacy: Deliberations concerning specific employee performance evaluations and disciplinary matters protected under applicable state privacy statutes.
- Collective Bargaining & Property Acquisition: Sensitive strategy sessions related to contract negotiations and potential real estate transactions. Public disclosure at this stage would weaken the district's bargaining position and financial interests.

Statutory Basis & Next Steps

Under applicable open meetings legislation, the Board is required to periodically review closed session minutes to determine if the need for confidentiality still exists. Because these underlying matters remain active or sensitive, public disclosure is neither appropriate nor legally advised at this time.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education vote to keep all closed session minutes from this six-month period confidential and closed to public inspection. Continued confidentiality remains legally necessary because the matters discussed during these sessions involve unresolved topics where public disclosure would compromise legal positions, violate individual privacy rights, or undermine ongoing operational negotiations.