

MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy 166

SCHOOL BOARD USE OF ELECTRONIC MAIL

Since electronic mail (e-mail) is a form of communication that could conflict with the Open Meetings Act, it will be used to conduct business of the Board only for the purposes of communicating:

- A. Messages between Board members or between a Board member and employee(s) that do not involve deliberating or rendering a decision on matters pending before the Board.
- B. Possible agenda items between the Superintendent and the Board President.
- C. Times, dates, and places of regular or special Board meetings.
- D. A Board meeting agenda or public record information concerning items on the agenda.
- E. Requests for public record information from a member of the administration, school staff, or community pertaining to District operations.
- F. Responses to questions posed by members of the public, administrators, or school staff.

Under no circumstances shall Board members use e-mail to discuss among themselves Board business that is only to be discussed in an open meeting of the Board, is part of an executive session, or could be considered an invasion of privacy if the message were to be monitored by another party.

There should be no expectation of privacy for any messages sent by e-mail. Messages that have been deleted may still be accessible on the hard drive, if the space has not been occupied by other messages. Messages, deleted or otherwise, may be subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act, unless an exemption would apply.

LEGAL REFERENCES: Sections 19.35, 19.36, 19.82, 19.83, 19.84, 19.85, 19.88 Wisconsin Statutes

CROSS REFERENCES:

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