

**MILLINOCKET SCHOOL BOARD POLICY
BROADCASTING/TAPING OF BOARD MEETINGS**

The following guidelines will govern the public use of recording devices at the public meetings of the School Board and subcommittees of the school unit.

Any recording device may be used by members of the public so long as it does not:

- A. Require the use of power cords and microphone cords that would interfere with the free movement of traffic into, out of, and within the meeting room;
- B. Produce continuous or periodic sounds that interfere with speakers or with the ability of all persons present to hear the proceedings;
- C. Require the occasional or frequent relocation of a microphone or microphones in such a manner as to be disruptive to speakers or other persons present; and/or;
- D. Require excessive space in the meeting room so that any participants or observers at the meeting are displaced or excluded or cannot see because of the device.

Whenever a taped or filmed recording is being made of a meeting or any part thereof, the person making the tape or film shall first notify the Board Chair or the person conducting the meeting. The Chair will announce at the meeting that a member of the public is recording the meeting.

When, at the request of any Board member and/or when, in the judgment of the chair, any of the above guidelines have been violated in such a way as to interfere with the conduct of the meeting or with the ability of the public to observe the proceedings of the meeting, the chair shall request the operator of the recording device to comply with the guidelines. If said interference continues, the chair shall direct that the recording be discontinued and, if necessary, that the recording device be removed from the meeting room.

The Chair has the authority to request the operator to comply with the provisions of this policy, when in his/her judgment, the activity is interfering with the orderly conduct of the meeting and/or the ability of the public to observe the proceedings. If the problem persists, the Chair may direct that the recording be discontinued and, if necessary, that the recording device be removed from the meeting room.

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