

Except where otherwise required by law or where otherwise expressly directed or authorized by the School Board (e.g., in this or any other Board policy), the Board authorizes the administration to issue legal notices under Chapter 985 of the state statutes by posting rather than by newspaper publication. When posting a legal notice, the District will (1) physically post a copy of the notice at the Altoona Post Office, Altoona City Hall, Altoona District Office, and (2) place the notice electronically on an Internet site that is maintained by the District.

The following are clarifications of and, in some cases, express exceptions to the previous paragraph of this policy:

1. Pursuant to requirements established by state law, certain legal notices that are required to be published in connection with school board elections must be published in a newspaper. Accordingly, posting (as provided in the first paragraph of this policy) shall not be substituted for newspaper publication of such election notices.
2. Because there is no newspaper with its place of publication in the District, the District is not required to publish the proceedings of Board meetings as a legal notice under Chapter 985, and the first paragraph of this policy does not apply to the posting or publication of the proceedings. Instead, the proceedings of Board meetings shall be posted by electronically placing a record of the proceedings on an Internet site maintained by the District.
3. Legal notice of the annual meetings and any special meetings of the School District's electors may be provided by posting (as provided in the first paragraph of this policy) rather than by newspaper publication except that if the electors at any such meeting adopt a resolution that expresses a preference for newspaper publication of the legal notices of such meetings, then such notices shall thereafter be published in a newspaper unless such resolution is later rescinded or superseded.

For any legal notice that is issued via publication in a newspaper for purposes of compliance with Chapter 985, the District will utilize *Eau Claire Leader Telegram*.

Regardless of the method that is used to issue a specific legal notice for purposes of compliance with Chapter 985, nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit the giving of supplemental notice via other methods.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

[Subch. V of Ch. 19](#)

[Wisconsin open meetings law]

[Section 120.08](#)

[notices of annual meetings and special meetings of the school district electors]

[Section 120.11\(4\)](#)

[proceedings of school board meetings]

[Chapter 985](#)

[legal notices, generally]

[Section 985.02](#)

[methods of issuing legal notices]

[Section 985.05](#)

[official municipal newspapers; school board authority to direct posting in lieu of newspaper publication]

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