



ROSENSTEIN, FIST & RINGOLD

RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: April 14, 2017

Re: HB 2181

Signed: April 13, 2017

Effective: November 1, 2017

Topic: Board Meeting Minutes

Summary: This bill amends existing law regarding distribution of school board meeting minutes.

Currently the district must provide meeting minutes to requesting newspapers within 5 days of a meeting.

The amendments clarify that minutes must now be provided to requestors within 4 business days of a meeting, excluding the date of the meeting. Requests are no longer limited to newspapers. Business days are specifically defined as Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays. Districts on a 4 day week are still bound by this definition.

No changes are anticipated for any district policy. The district's minutes clerk should be advised of this change and the firm continues to suggest that all meeting minutes released prior to board action to approve the minutes be clearly marked as "draft" or "tentative" so there is no confusion about their status.