

Please be aware that any meeting at which (1) there is negotiation with a vendor, (2) a vendor makes an oral presentation, or (3) a vendor answers questions, pursuant to a competitive solicitation, are closed to competitors and other members of the public. Team meetings at which negotiation strategies are discussed are likewise closed. Such meetings shall be recorded.

The School Board's practice of reviewing and disclosing pricing and other contents of bid proposals have changed in accordance with recent changes in the law. At bid openings district personnel will only reveal the names of the bidders, unless the bid or proposal is a competitive solicitation for construction or repairs on a building, then the name of each bidder and price submitted shall be read at a public bid opening per F.S. 255.0518. The recordings and bid proposals shall be exempt from public records requests until such time as the notice of an intended decision is published or until 30 days after opening the bids, proposals, or final replies, whichever occurs earlier.

If the school board rejects all bids, proposals, or replies and concurrently provides notice of its intent to reissue a competitive solicitation, the recording and any records presented at the exempt meeting remain exempt from public records requests until such time as the school board provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued competitive solicitation or until the school board withdraws the reissued competitive solicitation. A recording and any records presented at an exempt meeting are not exempt for longer than 12 months after the publication of the initial notice rejecting all bids, proposals, or replies. Section 119.071(1)(b), F.S.; and Section 286.0113, F.S.