

Editorial: Collier County Public Schools ... more quality television

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Congratulations to the education subcommittee of Collier County Public Schools.

After more than a year into members' assignment to help shape public policy with the elected School Board, appointees the other day finally voted to go along with having their meetings televised.

This step toward transparency will help members of the public beyond those who can personally attend subcommittee meetings. It will enhance public access to the public's business.

Most of the advisory-board members now embrace that. Set aside is the school of thought that holds better, more frank discussions can be held beyond the cameras.

One adviser said she was convinced from her own experience. She said she had questions about a School Board action on next year's school calendar, and realized the only way to get answers was to review the video.

Congratulations to the League of Women Voters of Collier County for helping lead the public advocacy for televised meetings. It all worked out.

Next time the School Board names an advisory committee and leaves televised meetings optional, we hope there isn't such a difficult, prolonged ordeal for the right thing to be done and for the maximum sunlight to shine in.

