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lars. The school is attempting to overhaul its governing body in order to give the public more input in how it is run.

Superintendent of Schools Norman T. Michaud said yesterday he was advised by the school board's attorney that the restructuring could be discussed in executive session. Michaud said the contents of Sullivan's legal opinion fall under attorney/client confidentiality.

"The FOI law is very clear on this," Sullivan said yesterday. "The school board may go into executive session to maintain the confidentiality of a written opinion

from the agency's attorney . . . The school board would not be able to meet with me in executive session without a written opinion."

However, Sullivan said, the school board must make the decision whether to enter executive session.

LaVoie said the law is not that clear. "There is no blanket attorney/client privilege for public agencies . . . As private citizens we have attorney; this is not a private citizen, this is a public agency."

The school board will not be discussing personnel, litigation,

security, or real estate, all items that may be discussed in executive session, according to state statutes.

A portion of Sect. 1-19 of the state statutes states that disclosure is required of "interagency or intra-agency memoranda or letters, advisory opinions, recommendations or any report comprising part of the process by which governmental decisions and policies are formulated."

"If it's an opinion (Sullivan) has about what should happen (with restructuring) there is no reason why the people should not know it," LaVoie said.