

SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

CODE: BEDF
POLICY

VOTING METHOD

All voting will be by roll call, with each member present voting “aye” or “nay”. However, election of officers at the organizational meeting of the board may be by secret ballot.

The chairman of the board shall vote on all issues before the board.

To pass, any motion must receive an affirmative vote from a majority of the total elected number of school trustees.

Members must be physically present at board meetings to vote on agenda items or must be available via telephone conference system which enables the board member to take part in all discussions concerning an agenda item and hear all comments by all board members and/or other persons permitted to speak on an item and discussion of the board member not present. Participation in this manner is discouraged and should be done only in exceptional cases.

It is the right and duty of every member of the board who has an opinion on an issue to express it by his or her vote.

If a member announces a conflict of interest with regard to the issue before the board, the member may leave the meeting until voting on the issue is concluded. The conflict will be noted in the official minutes of the meeting and the member will be recorded as having abstained on the issue.

When a tie vote exists on a motion the motion will be declared to have failed.

Votes will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting by indicating the name of the board members voting “aye” and the name of the board members voting “nay.”

Motions will be recorded as either passing or having failed.

REVISED POLICY

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