

BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS VIA TECHNOLOGY

The School Board strongly encourages all individual Board members to be physically present at all Board meetings in which they intend to participate in any capacity. The Board recognizes, however, that this is not always possible and that special circumstances may prevent a Board member from being able to be physically present at a meeting.

With this recognition in mind and subject to the limitations listed below, the Board will permit an individual Board member to participate in an open session meeting of the Board from a remote location via technology if a scheduling conflict or other extenuating circumstances prevent the Board member from being physically present at the meeting. The Board member will be permitted to participate in discussion on items of business, and will be permitted to make and vote by roll call upon motions. A Board member may not participate remotely in any closed session meeting of the Board or closed session portion(s) of any meeting of the Board, any individual student disciplinary proceedings, or in any disciplinary or nonrenewal proceedings involving individual employees. This includes not being able to listen in during the closed session or proceedings.

1. The Superintendent will work with appropriate staff to identify an appropriate mode of technology that enables reliable two-way communication and that satisfies the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law requirements regarding public notice and public accessibility of meetings. If the meeting requires board members to review documents or exhibits, any board member participating remotely will need to use a technology that permits him/her to receive documents in order to participate in that portion of the meeting.
2. No Board meeting shall be delayed, cancelled, or rescheduled solely to accommodate a Board member's request to exercise the privilege of remote participation. To the extent that the technology used to enable remote participation is not functioning so as to facilitate appropriate participation and/or there is any uncertainty regarding compliance with the Open Meetings Law, the Board may terminate the privilege of remote participation, and, provided there is a quorum, the meeting(s) in question may continue without the participation of the Board member(s) who are not physically present.
3. To the extent that the number of individual Board members wishing to exercise the privilege of remote participation in any meeting exceeds the capacity of the technology that is used to facilitate such remote participation, then no Board member shall avail themselves of the privilege of remote participation for that meeting unless one or more Board members withdraws his/her request and the number of pending requests is once again within the capacity of the technology being used.
4. No meeting of the Board shall be convened unless at least a quorum of the Board is physically present at the meeting.

To lessen the risk that a technical limitation or technology-related problem may prevent

otherwise-authorized remote participation in a Board meeting, an individual Board member who wishes to exercise the privilege of remote participation in any meeting shall inform the Superintendent and/or presiding officer of the meeting as far in advance as possible of his/her desire to attempt remote participation.

Notwithstanding the discretionary privileges permitted under this policy, it is the Board's expectation that no Board member(s) will routinely seek to participate in meetings from a remote location, and that most regular and special meetings of the Board will involve no remote participation by any Board members.

Legal Ref.: Section 19.81(2) Wisconsin Statutes

Approved: February 22, 2021