

POLICY ON VOTING

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Purpose

The purpose is to allow for the effective transaction of business under unusual attendance circumstances.

Definitions

N/A

Policy Statement

All actions of the Allegany County Board of Education shall be by vote. All public votes shall be by voice or show of hands. There shall be no absentee or proxy voting.

Telephone Voting

Telephone voting may be permitted under either of the following circumstances:

1. When either the Board President or a majority of the Board authorizes telephone voting in order to avoid a special meeting or when timely consideration is a requirement. Such voting would only be permitted if the issue to be resolved does not require consideration in a public session.
2. When during a regularly scheduled meeting either the Board President or a majority of the Board present and voting authorizes telephone voting by an absent member to permit a majority decision on matters of importance which require a Board vote such as: establishing, interpreting, amending, or implementing policy; resolving appeals; personnel matters; budget matters; or other similar items.

Such a vote by an absent member must occur during the public meeting where the issue was discussed in order to be a valid vote.

In all instances of authorized telephone voting, the vote will be ratified at the next scheduled public meeting.

Once a vote has been taken, it becomes a Board action. All Board members are obligated to support Board actions regardless of personal feelings or personal vote.

Legal Reference			
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