

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD MEETINGS - VOTING METHOD

The School Board shall establish a sequence for voting. When a vote is taken upon any measure before the School Board, with a quorum being present, a majority of the votes of the Board members voting on the measure shall determine the outcome thereof, except as otherwise provided by law (e.g. teacher dismissals, sale of property).

A vote of "present," "abstain," or a failure to vote when a member is present shall constitute a vote for the majority, except in cases where an "affirmative" vote of the majority is required for a particular action. Where an "affirmative" vote is required, a vote of "present," "abstain," or a failure to vote when a member is present shall constitute a "nay" vote. When a vote is tied on the "ayes" and "nays," the motion before the Board does not carry. On a tie vote the motion is lost, except as otherwise provided by law (e.g., teacher dismissals, sale of property).

Statutory exceptions include, but may not be limited to, the following circumstances:

1. A motion to dismiss a teacher for any reason or cause other than reduction of staff or elimination of that position shall be approved by the majority vote of all its members.
2. A resolution directing the sale of District real property or improvements thereon shall be approved by at least two-thirds of the School Board members.

On all questions which involve the expenditure of money and on all questions which involve the closing of a meeting to the public, a roll call vote of yeas and nays shall be taken and entered in the records of the School Board.

Any School Board member may request that his or her vote be recorded and, with the approval of the other School Board members, he or she may append at that time a statement indicating the reason for his or her vote.

Any School Board member may request that his or her vote be changed prior to the result of the vote being announced by the President.

This policy shall take precedence over Policy 270.07 in the event of a conflict.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois School Code, Sec. 5-22, 10-7, 10-12, and 24-12 (105 ILCS 5/5-22, 5/10-7, 5/10-12, and 5/24-12);
Illinois Open Meetings Act, Sec. 2a (5 ILCS 120/2a)

CROSS REF.: 270.07

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