

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS VIA TECHNOLOGY

The Board of Education strongly encourages all individual Board of Education members to be physically present at all Board of Education meetings in which they intend to participate in any capacity. No individual Board of Education member may be excluded from any meeting of the Board of Education at which they are physically present. An individual Board of Education member has no right to insist upon the ability to participate, in any capacity, in any Board of Education meeting remotely via telephone conference, video conference or other technology.

Subject to the following limitations, and as a privilege that may be withdrawn or limited at the discretion of a majority vote of the Board of Education, the Board of Education will permit an individual Board of Education member with a scheduling conflict to participate in Board of Education meetings from a remote location, with such privilege to include being counted in the quorum requirement for the meeting, participating in discussion on items of business, and making and voting upon motions:

1. The District Administrator 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.
2. Absent further affirmative authorization enacted by the Board of Education, the privilege shall extend only to open sessions of regular and special Board of Education meetings, and shall not extend to closed session portion(s) of any meeting, to individual student disciplinary proceedings, to disciplinary or nonrenewal proceedings involving individual employees, or to other meetings or specific items of business on which the Board of Education decides or receives advice of legal counsel that it would be inadvisable to permit remote participation by individual Board of Education members.
3. No Board of Education meeting need be delayed, cancelled, or rescheduled solely to accommodate a Board of Education 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 of Education 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 of Education member(s) who are not physically present.
4. No regular meeting of the Board of Education shall be convened unless at least a quorum of the Board of Education is physically present at the meeting. No special meeting of the Board of Education shall be convened unless at least one Board of Education member is physically present at the location and a quorum is available via technology for the meeting as established by the official public notice.

To lessen the risk that a technical limitation or technology-related problem may prevent otherwise-authorized remote participation in a Board of Education meeting, an individual Board of Education member who wishes to exercise the privilege of remote participation in any meeting shall inform the

District Administrator and presiding officer of the meeting as far in advance as possible of their desire to attempt remote participation.

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

This policy shall also apply to Board of Education committee meetings where the committee in question is a subunit of the Board of Education, except that in the case of such a committee meeting, references to individual Board of Education members within this policy shall be understood to refer to individual committee members, and all discretionary authority held by the Board of Education under this policy shall be held by the committee.

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