

No individual Board member may be excluded from any meeting of the Board at which he/she is physically present.

Subject to the following limitations, and as a privilege that may be withdrawn or limited at the discretion of a majority vote of the Board, the Board will permit an individual Board member with a scheduling conflict or personal illness to participate in open session portions of Board 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 Executive Assistant will work with technology staff to identify an appropriate mode of technology that enables 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, the privilege shall extend only to open sessions of regular and special Board 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 decides or receives advice of legal counsel that it would be inadvisable to permit remote participation by individual Board members.
3. No Board meeting need be delayed, canceled, or rescheduled solely to accommodate a Board member's request for 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 use 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.
4. No meeting of the Board shall be convened unless at least a quorum of the Board is present physically or via technology 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 use of remote participation in any meeting shall inform the Executive Assistant and presiding officer of the meeting as far in advance as possible of his/her desire to attempt remote participation.

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

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

[Section 19.81\(2\)](#)

[public accessibility of board meetings]

[Section 120.11\(1\)](#)

[regular board meetings and definition of quorum for meetings in common and union high school districts]

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