

Board Bylaws

Quorum and Voting Procedures

1. Quorum:

- A. The majority of all members of the Stafford Board of Education (the “Board”) shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- B. If, in accordance with applicable law, the Board provides Board members the opportunity to participate in meetings by means of electronic equipment, the Board is not required to adjourn or postpone a meeting if a Board member loses the ability to participate because of an interruption, failure, or degradation of that member’s connection by electronic equipment, unless the member’s participation is necessary to form a quorum. If a quorum of the Board members attends a meeting, other than an executive session, by means of electronic equipment from the same physical location, members of the public must be permitted to attend such meeting in such physical location.
- C. If, in accordance with applicable law, the Board holds a meeting solely by means of electronic equipment, and if a quorum of Board members attends a meeting by means of electronic equipment from the same physical location, the Board shall permit members of the public to attend such meeting in such physical location.

2. Voting Procedures:

- A. No member can vote on a question in which the Board member has a direct personal or pecuniary interest.
- B. Members may vote for themselves for any office or other position.
- C. While it is the duty of every member who has an opinion on a question to express it by vote, a Board member cannot be compelled to do so.
- D. A member may abstain from voting (with the knowledge that the effect is the same as if the Board member had voted on the prevailing side).
- E. The votes of each member of the Board upon any issue before the Board shall be recorded in the minutes of the session at which taken.
- F. Board members shall have the opportunity to explain their votes, with the explanation to be recorded in the minutes.
- G. Any vote taken at a meeting during which a Board member participates by means of electronic equipment shall be taken by roll call, unless the vote is unanimous.

Legal References:

Public Act 22-3, “An Act Concerning Remote Meetings Under the Freedom of Information Act.”

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