

1.4.1—BOARD MEMBER VOTING

Establishment of a Quorum

A quorum of the Van Buren School District Board of Education is a majority of the membership of the Board. No vote or other board action may be taken unless there is a quorum present. Except as provided in Policy 1.4.2-*Attending Meetings Remotely*, a Board member must be physically present at a meeting to be counted toward establishing a quorum or to be eligible to vote. A majority of the quorum voting affirmatively is necessary for the passage of any motion. A quorum must be physically present for a board to enter executive session.

Voting and failure to vote

Except as outlined in Policy 1.4.2-*Attending Meetings Remotely*, all Board members, including the President, shall vote on each motion, following a second and discussion of that motion.

Failure of any Board member to vote while physically present in the meeting room or as outlined in Policy 1.4.2, shall be counted as a “no” vote.

Only those votes taken by the Board in open session are legally binding. No motion made or vote taken in executive session is legally binding, although a non-binding, unofficial and non-recorded vote may be taken in executive session to establish consensus or further discussion.

Abstentions from Voting

In order for a Board member to abstain from voting, he or she must declare a conflict and remove themselves from the meeting room during the vote. A Board member who removes himself/herself from a meeting during a vote due to a conflict of interest shall not be considered present at the meeting for the purpose of establishing a quorum until the member returns to the meeting after the vote.

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