1.6.1—ATTENDING MEETINGS REMOTELY

The Board of Directors permits members who would be otherwise unable to physically attend a board meeting to attend the meeting remotely. Except where prohibited by this policy, a board member who attends remotely shall have the same rights and privileges as if the board member were physically present. A board member who will be unable to physically attend a board meeting is responsible for notifying the superintendent at least one (1) hour prior to the schedule meeting time that the member will be unable to physically attend the meeting and intends to attend remotely.

The method used to permit members of the board of directors to attend remotely shall:

1) Provide a method for the president or secretary of the board of directors to verify the identity of the member(s) attending remotely;
2) Allow the members of the Board physically present and members of the public to hear the member(s) attending remotely at all times; and
3) Allow the member(s) attending remotely to hear the members of the board of directors physically present at the meeting at all times and any public comment.

A board member attending remotely shall not:

a) Attend an executive session or closed hearing; or
b) Vote on an issue that is the subject of an executive session or closed hearing.

The Board minutes shall indicate if a board member is attending remotely and the method used to permit the member to attend remotely. If an executive session occurs during a meeting when a board member is attending remotely, the minutes will treat the board member attending remotely as though the member had left the room for any vote on a subject discussed in the executive session.

Up to three (3) times per calendar year, the board of directors may count a board member attending remotely for the purpose of establishing a quorum. The three (3) times when a remotely attending member may be counted towards a quorum is per board and not per each individual board member. A board member attending remotely used to establish a quorum shall not be counted to determine if the board may enter executive session.

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