

## School Board

### Voting Method

The Board of Education will establish a sequence for voting. When a vote is taken upon any measure before the Board, with a quorum present, a majority of the votes of the Board members will determine the outcome, except as otherwise provided by law (e.g., teacher dismissals, sale of property).

A vote of "present", "abstain", or a failure to vote when a member is present will constitute a vote for the majority, except in cases where an "affirmative" vote of the majority is required for a particular action. Where an "affirmative" vote is required, a vote of "present", "abstain", or a failure to vote when a member is present will constitute a "nay" vote. When a vote is tied, on the "ayes" and "nays", the motion before the Board does not pass. On a tie vote, the motion is defeated, except as otherwise provided by law (e.g., teacher dismissals, sale of property).

Such statutory exceptions include, but may not be limited to, the following circumstances:

1. A motion to dismiss a teacher for any reason or cause other than reduction of staff or elimination of that position must be approved by a majority vote of all its members.
2. A resolution directing the sale of District real property or improvements thereon must be approved by at least two-thirds of the Board members.

On all questions that involve the expenditure of money and on all questions related to the closing of a meeting to the public, a roll call vote of "ayes" and "nays" will be taken and entered in the records of the Board.

Any Board member may request that his or her vote be recorded and, with the approval of a majority of the other Board members, he or she may append -- at that time -- a statement indicating the reason for his or her vote.

A roll-call vote may be called by the President or by any other Board member. For roll-call votes, the person making the motion will be the first one to vote, and the person seconding the motion will be the second one to vote. The remaining members of the Board will be called on at random.

Any Board member may request that his or her vote be changed prior to the result of the vote being announced by the President.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois School Code, Sec. 5-22, 10-7, 10-12, and 24-12 (105 ILCS 5/5-22, 5/10-7, 5/10-12, and 5/24-12);  
Illinois Open Meetings Act, Sec. 2a (5 ILCS 120/2a);  
Prosser v. Village of Fox Lake, 438 N.E. 2d 134 (1982); and  
Jackson v. Cook County Regional Board of School Trustees, 667 N.E. 2d 1335 (1996).

CROSS REF.: 270.07

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