VOTING METHOD

Official actions may be taken only at a regular or specially called meeting at which a quorum is present. All motions shall require for adoption a majority vote of those present and voting (minimally, a majority of the quorum), except as provided by code or statute.

A vote can be conducted by voice, show of hands or roll call, provided that the vote of each member is recorded, except where a recorded roll call majority is required by code or statute. Proxy voting is prohibited. Any member may request that the Board be polled.

In the case of a tie vote, no action shall be taken.

Voting by telephone or electronic means to obtain decisions is prohibited.

Abstentions

A member may abstain from voting. An abstention shall be so recorded and shall not be counted as either an affirmative or a negative vote. Abstentions are to be so recorded, regardless of whether a person speaks for or against a motion prior to stating his/her wish to abstain. The silence of a member on any vote shall be recorded as an abstention.

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:38-8.1Additional member on board of education to represent board of education in each sending district


King v. Asbury Park Board of Education, 1939-49 S.L.D. 20


Little Ferry Bd. of Ed. v. Ridgefield Park Bd. of Ed., 97 N.J.A.R. 2d (EDU) _____ (July 24)


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