

VIDEOCONFERENCING

The Board of Education recognizes that physical presence at Board meetings is the best means for Board members to engage and collaborate with one another and the Rochester community. However, there are occasions when Board members cannot physically attend meetings of the Board of Education, and advances in technology and the law now permit public entities to conduct meetings through the use of videoconferencing. As such, the Board of Education desires to formalize a policy regarding the use of such technology at certain of its public meetings.

In the event that a member of the Board of Education is unable to attend an annual organizational, regular, or special meeting, or committee meeting of the whole, the Board member may request the opportunity to participate, vote, and otherwise transact all business by videoconferencing (including “Skype,” “FaceTime,” or any similar two-way video and audio transmission) at such meeting in the same manner as if the Board member were physically present at the meeting. Videoconferencing may be used when the Board member is unable to attend due to matters of personal or family health, death of a friend or relative, business travel out of town, or other exigent circumstance.

Except when authorized by the President of the Board, no more than one Board member may participate by videoconference at any meeting, and videoconferencing shall be available to Board members on a first-come, first-served basis upon notice to the Board Clerk. It is strongly recommended that the Board member requesting participation by videoconference provide notice at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting in order for appropriate arrangements to be made to facilitate and coordinate transmission.

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