

SUBJECT: REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

All Board meetings must be open to the public except those portions of the meetings which qualify as executive sessions. A "meeting" is defined as an official convening of a public body for the purpose of conducting public business and a "public body" is defined as an entity of two (2) or more persons which requires a quorum to conduct public business, including committees and subcommittees. Reasonable efforts shall be made to ensure that all meetings are held in an appropriate facility which can adequately accommodate any and all members of the public who wish to attend.

Whenever such a meeting is to take place, there must be at least seventy-two (72) hours advance notice in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law. Notice of other meetings shall be given as soon as is practicable in accordance with law. When the BOCES has the ability to do so, notice of the time and place of a meeting shall be conspicuously posted on the BOCES internet Web site.

If videoconferencing is used to conduct a meeting, the public notice for the meeting shall inform the public that videoconferencing will be used, identify the locations for the meeting, and state that the public has the right to attend the meeting at any of the locations.

Regular meetings of the Board shall take place on the day and time designated by the Board at the Annual Organizational Meeting, except as modified at subsequent meetings of the Board.

Any meeting of the Board may be adjourned to a given future date and hour if voted by a majority of the Board present.

- a) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board shall in no event meet less than once each quarter.
- b) All official business must be conducted with a quorum present and all decisions made on the basis of a majority vote of the entire Board membership.
- c) An agenda shall be prepared by the District Superintendent prior to the meeting. For regular meetings, the agenda shall be distributed at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

The District Superintendent and members of his/her staff at the District Superintendent's discretion shall attend all meetings of the Board. The District Superintendent shall attend all executive session meetings of the Board except those that concern his/her evaluation and salary determination. The Board may request the attendance of such additional persons as it desires.

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Recording of Meetings

The Board recognizes that advances in technology allow public meetings to be photographed, broadcast, webcast and/or otherwise recorded, by means of audio or video, in a non-disruptive manner and supports the use of such technology to facilitate the open communication of public business. To that end, the Board may adopt rules addressing the location of the equipment and/or personnel used to photograph, broadcast, webcast and/or record such meetings to assure that its proceedings are conducted in an orderly manner. Such rules shall be conspicuously posted during meetings and written copies provided, upon request, to meeting attendees.

Public Expression at Meetings

Public expression at such meetings shall be encouraged and a specific portion of the agenda shall provide for this privilege of the floor. At its discretion, the Board may invite visitors to its meetings to participate in the Board's discussion of matters on the agenda.

The Board of Education reserves the right to enter into executive session as specified in Policy #1433-- [Executive Sessions of the Board](#).

Quorum

The quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be five (5) members. No formal action shall be taken at any meeting at which a quorum is not present. Board members may participate in Board meetings through video-conferencing technology, and may vote when they do so when only a quorum exists, the Board shall act by unanimous vote unless otherwise required by the laws of the State of New York.

Education Law Section 1950
Public Officers Law Article 7

NOTE: Refer also to Policies [#1436 -- Special Meetings of the Board of Education](#)
[#1433 -- Executive Sessions of the Board](#)

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