

**Bylaw**

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VOTING METHOD

Official actions may be taken only at a regular monthly 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 Haworth Board of Education be polled.

All motions shall require for adoption the majority vote of those present and voting, except as provided by statutes of the State of New Jersey, these bylaws or parliamentary authority, and except that a motion shall pass for which the number of affirmative votes is less than a majority of the board's quorum.

Quorum

Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum, and no business shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum. In the event a quorum is not present at the hour of convening, the meeting may be recessed to a time not later than 9 o'clock PM of the same day. If a quorum is not present then, the members present may adjourn the meeting to a later date.

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. This abstention shall be recorded and counted neither as an affirmative nor as a negative vote.

Results of Voting

The results of voting shall be prominently depicted in the minutes of the board meetings. At the commencement of each board meeting, board members shall be queried if they accept or do not accept the minutes of the previous meeting. In accepting the minutes, board members signal their acceptance of their vote on each item discussed at the previous board meeting.

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

Aurentz v. Little Egg Harbor Township Planning Board, 171 N.J. Super. (Law Div. 1979)

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

VOTING METHOD (continued)

Matawan Teachers' Assn. v. Board of Education, 223 N.J. Super. 504 (App. Div. 1988)

Lincoln Park Bd. of Ed. v. Boonton Bd. of Ed., 97 N.J.A.R. 2d (EDU) \_\_\_\_\_  
(May 30)

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

Green Twp. Bd. of Ed. v. Newton Bd. of Ed., 97 N.J.A.R. 2d (EDU) \_\_\_\_\_  
(August 5)