

Policy Type: Board Procedures**Board Members Participating in Meetings Remotely**

If extenuating circumstances prevent any Board member from being physically present and virtual attendance at board meetings is requested it is the policy of the DeForest Area School District that members of the Board of Education may participate in open and closed sessions of regular meetings, special School Board meetings, and/or committee meetings via teleconferencing. Teleconferencing in closed session shall be allowed only with the assurance of the Board member that members of the public are not present at their teleconference location. No teleconferences shall be allowed for the expulsion or disciplinary hearings. All votes taken during a meeting where a teleconference is used shall be by roll call vote.

Participation by Board members via teleconference shall be conducted under the provisions of Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law.

Participation shall only take place when all of the following conditions are met:

1. When possible, notice should be given by noon the day of the meeting to the Board of Education President and District Administrator requesting a teleconference call, and the Board President extends permission;
2. If there is appropriate, secure equipment to allow Board members and citizens in attendance to fully participate and hear a discussion and/or vote; and
3. If notice is given to citizens at the beginning of the meeting that a member is participating by teleconference.

Adopted: August 13, 2018

DeForest Area School District Board of Education