

SCHOOL BOARD BYLAWS - SECTION 2.5 FOR REVIEW

engage in dialogue on the issue at a public hearing. Time limits, location, and schedule will be promulgated for each public hearing by the Chair/Vice-Chair.

Section 2-5 Quorum and Method of Voting.

- A. At any meeting, a majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum. All questions submitted to the Board for decision shall be determined by all those present and voting. The Chair/Vice-Chair may choose to have the vote by voice vote or by show of hands. However, if there is one "no" vote or one abstention the Board, upon the request of any member, the Board may be polled and the name of each member voting and how he or she voted shall be recorded.
- B. Members abstaining ~~may~~ shall state for the record their reason for abstaining, and, if the abstention is required for conflict of interest reasons, shall state for the record the reason for the abstention.
- C. When all members of the School Board are present, a tie vote on any main motion shall cause the motion to fail. In the event of a tie vote on a main motion when all members of the Board are not present, the question shall be passed by until the next meeting when it shall again be voted on even though all members are not present. In any case in which there is a tie vote on any main motion after complying with this procedure, a tie vote shall cause the motion to fail.

Section 2-6 Board to Sit in Open Session.

The Board shall sit in open session and the public may attend; provided, however, that the Board may, but shall not be required to, conduct "closed meetings" as permitted by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Section 2-7 Closed Meetings

- A. Closed Meetings may only be convened in strict compliance with Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.
- B. No resolution, rule, contract, regulation, motion, agreement, or any other action agreed to in a Closed Meeting shall become effective until the Board reconvenes in open session and takes a vote of the membership on such action, which shall have its substance reasonably identified in the open meeting.