



POLICY SECTION 212: Board Meetings

POLICY

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education believes that it is necessary to hold regular and special meetings of the Board to make decisions in the best interest of our children. The Board further believes that such meetings should be open to community unless the Board is discussing matters involving an individual student, employee, or financial matters that require confidentiality.

GUIDELINES

A. Annual Organization Meeting

An organizational meeting of the Board shall be held annually. The Director of Education shall act as chairperson of the meeting for the purpose of seeking nominations for, conducting the vote, and declaring election of the chairperson of the Board. Upon his/her election the Chairperson shall preside over the remainder of the organizational meeting and shall oversee the election a Co/chairperson.

B. Regular Meetings

The Board shall meet twice monthly. Unless decided by prior agreement at a regular meeting, the place of the meeting shall be rotated at the schools to allow for community input and access. Regular meetings of the Board will be open to the community, except those portions where legal, personnel matters, and negotiations are under discussion. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson of the Board when deemed necessary and will follow the same procedures as regular meetings.

Project Committees or Task Forces may be established by the Board when deemed necessary. These may be dissolved when goals are completed to the Board's satisfaction. A notice shall be sent to each Board Member with the date and time of the regular Board meeting. In the event of the need to hold a special meeting, Board Members will be contacted a day in advance of the desired special meeting. (Unless circumstances deem otherwise)

C. In-Camera Meetings

The Board reserves the right to meet in private, or *in-camera*. Such meetings shall be called by the Director and/or the Chairperson for discussion pertaining to the following:

- a) individual students or individual staff members;
- b) matters of negotiations with employees;
- c) acquisition of real property;
- d) or litigation brought by or against the Board.

Such sessions shall be closed to the community and press. Meeting minutes shall be recorded and presented for review at the subsequent regular meeting. Board members and other invited persons attending are bound by the AMBE Oath of Confidentiality.



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D. Annual Community Meeting

The Board shall hold an Annual Community Meeting at a date to be set by the Board.

The purpose of the annual meeting shall be:

- to highlight school and/or Board programs to the community;
- to showcase student achievements and successes;
- and to provide parents with a forum for discussion on Board programs and the schools.

E. Voting Procedures at Meetings

The Board requires that all decisions of the Board be finalized by a Board vote on the issue before it. A quorum of the 7 Board Members, must be present before the

Chairperson can call for the vote. The following voting requirement must be adhered to:

- The Chairperson and all members shall vote on all motions unless they declare a conflict of interest in the matter under consideration.
- A tied vote on any motion before the Board shall be declared by the director
- A Board member must be present to vote. Ex-Officio members of the Board and Portfolio Chiefs shall not vote on questions before the Board.

No decisions once decided shall be reversed without the whole Board in favour of the reversal.