



POLICY SECTION 213: Board Meeting Conduct

POLICY

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education believes that its meetings should be conducted in a business-like fashion. All members of the Board and its employees should be knowledgeable about rules of order and meeting procedures so that meetings can be handled efficiently.

GUIDELINES

1. **Quorum** – The quorum for all meetings for the Board is half plus one Member; quorum for committees of the Board shall be a minimum of two members present. Prior to the beginning of the meeting, the Chairperson shall indicate lack of quorum and adjourn the meeting. Members present may discuss issues of mutual concern. However, no minutes shall be kept of the meeting and no decisions shall be made as a result of the informal meeting.
2. **Rules of Order** – The Chairperson of the Board or Committee shall attempt to resolve issues of procedure or rules of order in a manner agreeable to the membership of the Board or Committee. In those cases where it is not possible to do so, it has been agreed that Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail. www.robertsrules.org
3. **General Procedures:**
 - a) Each and every member of the Board has equal rights.
 - b) The first person recognized by the Chair as desiring to speak has the right to the floor.
 - c) No Board Member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he/she is out of order, on a point of privilege, or for clarification.
 - d) When any matter is before the Board, the consideration of it cannot be interrupted except on a motion for adjournment; it can be tabled; or postponed for referral or for amendment.

Exceptions to rules within the jurisdiction of the Board can be made by majority consent of the Board.