

VOTING PROCEDURE

As the elected officials responsible for the governance of the Wall School District, the board sets the direction for the school district through the establishment of policies and by taking other official actions.

It is the intent of the board that motions be carried by a majority of members elect. In the event, however, that board members must abstain from voting due to conflict of interest, as outlined in SDCL 6-1-17, board action may be taken if it is approved by the majority of members voting.

Votes on all motions and resolutions will be by “ayes” and “nays.” No secret ballots will be used.

At the discretion of the president or on the request of a member, a show of hand vote will be made and the vote of members will be recorded. Any member may request a roll call vote.

6-1-17. Official prohibited from discussing or voting on issue if conflict of interest exists—Legal remedy. NO county, municipal, or school official may participate in discussing or vote on any issue in which the official has a conflict of interest. Each official shall decide if any potential conflict of interest requires such official to be disqualified from participating in discussion or voting. However, no such official may participate in discussing or vote on an issue if the following circumstances apply:

(1) The official has a direct pecuniary interest in the matter before the governing body; or

(2) At least two-thirds of the governing body votes that an official has an identifiable conflict of interest that should prohibit such official from voting on a specific matter.

If an official with a direct pecuniary interest participates in discussion or votes on a matter before the governing body, the legal sole remedy is to invalidate that official’s vote.

Source: SL 2005, ch 40, § 1.

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