

PEACE WAPITI PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 76

POLICY BDDI – Trustee Attendance

The Board believes trustees need to be physically present when decisions critical to local education are being debated.

PURPOSE

To ensure local representation occurs locally.

PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES

1. Trustees who are unable to be physically present at Board Meetings due to extenuating or extraordinary circumstances and wish to be present via electronic means must receive Board support to use technology such as telephone or video conference to participate in Board Meetings. Examples of such circumstances may include (but are not limited to):
 - a) illness, medical treatment or related condition;
 - b) family loss or critical illness or accident;
 - c) inclement road or weather conditions;
 - d) scheduling conflicts caused by a trustee representing the Board in another capacity (i.e. attending an ASBA or PSBA meeting).
2. Reasonable notice must be provided to administration to prepare technology. Every reasonable attempt will be made to provide technology.
3. The minutes of the Regular Meeting will indicate when a trustee is participating via electronic means.
4. This policy must be passed unanimously, at the Board's annual organizational meeting, to come into effect and such passage will be considered to be an agreement by each trustee that the contents of this policy are an appropriate and legally binding exercise of the Board's power under section 68 of the *School Act* and is not in contravention of section 71 of the *School Act*.

REFERENCES

Cross References: links to

Exhibit 1: Script

[*Policy BBFA –Board Member Conflict of Interest*](#)

[*Policy BDDH PublicParticipationatBoardMeetings*](#)

[*Policy BF –Establishment of Board Policy*](#)

Policy BHD - Board Member Compensation and Reimbursement

Reference – ASBA booklet...Roles and responsibilities ASBA

[*Policy BC – Organization of the Board*](#)

Legal Reference: School Act RSA 2000, Section 70.1,71, 72, 73

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