

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS VIDEOCONFERENCE REGULATIONS

In accordance with state law, the Ringwood Board of Education may hold board meetings by videoconference. Whenever the board president determine that a meeting of the entire board could be best accomplished by videoconference, these guidelines must be followed:

1. Each board member must be visible to each other member and to the public via a video monitor.
2. No less than a quorum of board members must be present in person at the meeting site.
3. The agenda posted for the meeting must indicate that the meeting will include videoconferencing locations and shall state:
 - A. The location, address, and telephone number of each available videoconference site, and
 - B. The identity of each board member and the specific site from which each board member shall be physically present and participating in the meeting.
4. After the agenda is prepared and posted, no board member shall be allowed to participate in the meeting from any location other than the specific location posted on the agenda.
5. In order to allow the public the maximum opportunity to attend and observe each board member carrying out official duties, a board member or board members desiring to participate in a meeting by videoconference must do so from a site and room from within the district or political subdivision from which elected or appointed.
6. The site and room where a board member is present for the meeting must be open and accessible to the public and the public must be allowed into that site and room. The board of education may provide additional videoconference sites as a convenience to the public, but additional sites must not be used to exclude or discourage public attendance at any videoconference site.
7. The public must be allowed to participate and speak, as allowed by board policy, in the meeting at the videoconference site in the same manner and to the same extent the public is allowed to participate or speak in a meeting that is held on-site. (See also policy BED and BED-R.)
8. Any materials shared electronically between board members, before or during the videoconference, must also be immediately available to the public in the same form and manner as shared with the board members.
9. All votes occurring during any meeting conducted using videoconferencing must occur and be recorded by roll call vote.
10. Executive sessions cannot be conducted if a board meeting is being held via videoconference.