

Scott County Board of Education

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1 The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules Of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern the
2 Board in all cases to which they are applicable, except as otherwise provided by any statutes¹ applicable
3 to the Board, or by policies of this Board including the following exceptions:
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5 **QUORUM**

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7 A majority of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In
8 the absence of a quorum, any business transacted is null and void except to adjourn, to recess, or to take
9 measures to obtain a quorum.
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11 **VOTING METHOD**

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13 A formal vote shall be taken on any question brought before the Board and the decision shall be made
14 on the basis of a majority of those voting "aye" or "nay" when a quorum exists, except when a rule or
15 statute requires otherwise. Abstentions, passes, and such other responses shall not be counted in
16 determining whether a motion passes or fails.¹ the membership of the Board.²
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18 Roll call votes will be used when the motion includes any spending of funds at the discretion of the
19 chairman or upon the request of any board member. Each member's vote shall be recorded in the minutes
20 on a roll call vote. Upon request, any member's individual vote may be recorded in the minutes. No secret
21 votes shall be used.³ The person chairing the meeting shall have a vote on all matters voted on by the
22 Board.³
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24 **CHAIRMAN'S PARTICIPATION**

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26 The person chairing a meeting may participate in discussion, make motions, and vote on all issues as any
27 other member without relinquishing the chair.⁴
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29 **SUSPENSION OF RULES**

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31 Rules of order may be suspended by a two-thirds vote at any regular or special meeting.
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34 Legal Reference:

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36 1. TCA 49-5-409(b)(1); TCA 49-6-3004(2)(f)
37 2. TCA 49-2-202
38 3. TCA 8-44-104(b)
39 4. *Reeder v. Trotter*, 142 Tennessee 37 (1919)
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