

# Staff Report



October 8, 2019

**To** Board of Education (Public Meeting)  
**From** Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
**Re** **Voting Record in Public Board Meetings**

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This report is being presented for Information.

**BACKGROUND:**

The following is an excerpt from Section 7, Policy 7 – *Board Governance and Operations*:

*7.2 All trustees present at a meeting are expected to vote; although, a trustee must abstain from voting in the event that he/she has a conflict of interest by reason of having a direct pecuniary interest in a vote (Section 58, School Act). A trustee may also abstain from voting if he/she states at the meeting her/his reasons thereon prior to a vote being taken.*

*7.3 Voting shall be conducted either by a show of hands or through any electronic means in use by the Board. Only the results will be recorded, unless a trustee requests that names be recorded. If a record of names is requested, only negative votes and abstentions shall be recorded. Upon request, where a conflict exists, the reason(s) for an abstention shall be recorded.*

Past practice of the Board's minute taking standards for public meetings, and in accordance with Board Policy 7, the results of the Board's motions have mirrored the negative vote when requested by a Trustee.

The Board of Education approves all minutes at a future board or committee meeting and trustees have the opportunity to discuss and amend minutes accordingly.

Trustees may wish to review and consider changes to the policy or practice to better suit minute outcomes.