

POLICY 138 ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETINGS AND LIVESTREAMING

ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) recognizes there may be circumstances where it is practical or necessary to hold a meeting through electronic means, except for Inaugural Meetings. Section 67(6) of the *School Act* enables a board to “allow trustees to participate in or attend a meeting of the board by telephone or other means of communication if all trustees and other persons participating in or attending the meeting are able to communicate with each other.”

Therefore, at the call of the Chairperson, board meetings may be held through electronic means providing that:

1. trustees who attend board meeting through electronic arrangements are counted for the purposes of establishing quorum;
2. time is made available for the public to submit questions; and
3. the board’s secretary-treasurer (or designate) is present at the time a decision is made by the board. All decisions of the board must be captured through the recording of meeting minutes.

LIVESTREAMING BOARD MEETINGS

Open meetings of the Board of Education of School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) may be broadcast as part of the effort to promote transparency, to invite public participation, and to provide access to the board’s decision making. Meetings that are closed to the public will not be broadcast. The standards for livestreaming board meetings are as follows:

1. the written minutes will be the official record of board meetings;
2. the recordings of board meetings will be accessible to the public on the district website for a period of XXXX and will be retained for a period of XXXX;
3. signage will be posted to ensure that presenters and members of the public are aware that open board meetings are being broadcast; and
4. meetings will not be cancelled, postponed, or delayed due to technical issues with live streaming or the recording of meetings.