

**Quorum**

**Code #182.00**

The Tri-County Area School District Board of Education may only conduct official business at a meeting in which a quorum of Board members are present. A majority of Board members shall constitute a quorum of the Board. In the absence of a quorum, the only official action that the Board may take is to adjourn the meeting to another time and/or date.

In addition Board members must be mindful of two other forms of quorum. A "Negative Quorum" is a group of Board members that totals less than half of the Board but still possesses the power to defeat action considered by the Board.

A "Walking Quorum" occurs when a series of meetings or conversations results in an agreement, even though more than half of the Board members were never present at a single meeting. Walking quorums can be a series of personal meetings, email messages, phone calls, or other communications between board members where they can effectively communicate and exercise the authority vested in the Board. To avoid potential open meetings issues, Board members are strongly discouraged from utilizing email to communicate with one another.

**Legal Reference:** Section 120.11(1), Wisconsin Statutes

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