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Use of Cell/Text During Meetings

## 0170 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES BY BOARD MEMBERS AT PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education recognizes that communicating electronically (e.g. e-mail, social network site, text messaging, instant messaging) is an efficient and convenient way to exchange information on school matters. However, the Board of Education recognizes that the use of such electronic means to communicate during public meetings, by board members, may create the impression that board members are deliberating regarding issues that are the subject of the public meeting session, contrary to the spirit of the Open Public Meetings Act. Thus, during public board meetings, board members shall not communicate electronically.

This policy shall not be interpreted to preclude the integration of technology at board meetings to support board member participation; thus, the Board of Education encourages the use of electronic devices (including but not limited to laptop computers, iPads, tablets, and/or notebook computers) by board members at board meetings as a resource so long as board members do not utilize those devices to communicate electronically during the meeting.

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