

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1270
(Representatives Frelich, K. Anderson, Dyk, Heilman, Murphy, Strinden)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15.1-09-30 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to recording, publishing, and archiving of school district board meetings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-09-30 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-09-30. School boards - Meetings.

1. Each school board shall hold an initial meeting during the month of July following the annual election. The president of the school board shall select a meeting date that is convenient to the other board members and shall provide board members with written notice of the meeting.
2. Once during each month thereafter, a board shall hold a regular meeting for the transaction of business. The board of any school district having only one-room and two-room schools may meet as often as the board deems necessary, but not less than four times in each year.
3. Special meetings may be called by the president or by any two members of a board. Written notice of a special meeting must be given to each member of a board.
4. The attendance of a board member at any meeting, without objection, constitutes a waiver of the notice requirement for that member.
5. A board of a school district operating under an academic cooperative agreement approved by the superintendent of public instruction may participate in multiboard meetings in addition to, instead of, or in conjunction with the regular board meetings required by this section. Multiboard meetings must be for the purpose of pursuing joint academic or cooperative activities and must be held at the times and locations agreed to by the presidents of the participating boards. In addition to any other requirements set forth in section 44-04-20, the presidents of each school board shall ensure that notice of each multiboard meeting in which the school board will participate is published in the local newspapers of general circulation at least one week before the meeting date.
6. At the request of a resident of the school district, a school district shall record the school district's regular or special meeting, archive the recording, and make the recording available to the public. A request must be submitted to the school district no later than seven days prior to the meeting. A school district shall publish on its website a link to the recording of a board meeting. The recording must be available on the school districts' website for no fewer than three months from seven days after the meeting. This section does not apply to executive sessions nor work sessions held as part of a regular or special meeting.
7. If a school district provides a livestream of a regular or special meeting of the board, the school district shall notify the public of the location of the link to access the livestream.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1270.

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 0 Absent 4

Senate Vote: Yeas 42 Nays 3 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Governor

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Secretary of State