

**BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Education of the Schodack Central School District exercises its authority and fulfills its responsibilities as an entity, through its meetings. Board of Education meetings provide a means for Board members to interact with each other, the public and the officers and employees of the school district, enabling them to secure vital information about the issues facing the school district and its administration, management, operations and functions.

It is the expectation of the Board of Education that Board members attend Board meetings on time and for the duration of the meetings. Further, it is expected that Board members are to be fully present at Board meetings in order to ensure the effectiveness of the Board in addressing issues before it.

A member who anticipates absence from a Board meeting shall inform the Board president or the office of the superintendent as soon as is reasonably possible, in advance of the meeting. So as not to impede the deliberations of the Board during its meetings, Board members are responsible for keeping informed about information and discussions missed as a result of absence from, late arrival to or early departure from a Board meeting.

In the event of chronic, unexcused absence from Board meetings by a Board member, the Board president may privately discuss the matter with the Board member and explore the Board member's intentions with respect to continued service as a Board member.

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