

MCCPS Board of Trustees

THE RULES OF VOTING

March 12, 2009

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ARTICLE IV *Meetings*

Section 7: Provided a quorum of the Board is present, any action by the Board requires a majority vote of the Trustees in attendance at that meeting, except as otherwise required in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII *Rules of Order*

Except where they may be in conflict with the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the Charter or By-Laws of Marblehead Community Charter Public School, the rules of order in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10th Edition) RONR, dated November 14, 2000 shall govern the conduct of all meetings of Marblehead Community Charter Public School.

Robert's Rules of Order

Basis for Determining a Voting Result

- Voting requirements based on the number of members - a majority of those present, two thirds of those present, etc. while possible, are generally undesirable. Since an abstention in such cases has the same effect as a negative vote, these bases deny members the right to maintain a neutral position by abstaining.
- For the same reason, members present who fail to vote through indifference rather than through deliberate neutrality may affect the result negatively.

Yeas vs 'Not Yeas' and NOT Yeas vs Nays

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

Ten Person Board

Ten members present, majority of those present is six. Six yeas required to pass a motion.



7 Yeas, 3 Nays, 0 Abstain – Motion Passes



3 Yeas, 7 Nays, 0 Abstain – Motion Fails



7 Yeas, 1 Nays, 2 Abstain – Motion Passes



5 Yeas, 1 Nays, 4 Abstain – Motion Fails

Ten Person Board

Eight members present, majority of those present is five. Five yeas required to pass a motion.



3 Yeas, 2 Nays, 3 Abstain – Motion Fails