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Re: Ability of school board member to vote by proxy at a school board meeting.

This letter requests an opinion with respect to a school board member voting by proxy on the agenda items when a quorum is present at a school board meeting.

A member of the ISD's board of trustees lives in a rural area and this person's shift schedule at times does not commiserate with the schedule of school board meetings.

I respectfully request that you review this situation and issue a formal opinion which answers the following questions.

1. Does voting by proxy violate any state statute or State Board of Education rule?
2. Can a school board member vote by proxy on items on the agenda?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Libby Linebarger
Chair,
House Committee on Public Education

cc: Sadler
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