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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: In-Person or Virtual Board Meetings
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Nature of Action Requested by Board

Board action	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>
Board information or scheduled report	<input type="checkbox"/>

Background Information

On March 30th, the school board approved a plan to conduct meetings in accordance with Minnesota Statute 12D.021 (Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means) until further notice.

The school board will consider the possibility of returning to in-person meetings, staying with remote meetings, or allowing some board members to participate virtually while others are physically present. If the latter is chosen, at least one board member, the superintendent or legal counsel must be physically present at the meeting.

The Minnesota School Boards Association recommends the latter option because the approach allows board members, staff, and/or members of the public whose health conditions (or those of people close to them) prevents them from attending an in-person meeting to participate in or watch the board meeting. Especially as the local public health or personal health situation can change from meeting to meeting, continued and consistent use of the remote meeting process can reduce uncertainty.

Those who appear at board meetings must follow social distancing, hand hygiene, mask, and other public health guidelines.

Recommendation

I move to conduct all school board meetings in-person at the Twin Bluff School while allowing board members to participate remotely as per guidelines outlined in Minnesota Statute 13D.021.