

School Board Meeting-Virtual/Hybrid/In-Person

Cannon Falls

All meetings are held virtual using Zoom. The link to the meeting is posted on the school website for the public to access and attend.

They held one hybrid meeting. In-person attendees were logged into an individual computer but remained muted unless speaking and the volume off. One computer was logged in and projected the meeting onto a TV screen for in-person attendees to see and hear. The sound is projected through the TV. All attendees wore masks and practiced social distancing. No public was allowed to attend the hybrid meeting. They will remain in virtual meetings until further notice.

Goodhue

Just had their first in-person meeting. All board members, Superintendent, Business Manager and staff attended. All attendees wore masks and practiced social distancing. Each attendee logged into the Google Meet and kept the volume at zero and mic muted unless speaking. The link to the meeting is available on the school webpage for the public to access to view. The public is not allowed to attend in-person.

Kenyon-Wanamingo

All meetings are held virtual using Zoom, (monthly fee). The link to the meeting is posted on the school website for the public to access. Only Board members and the Superintendent are on camera, all other attendees are off camera and muted. The meetings are recorded and posted to YouTube after the meeting. Due to health concerns and technology issues, they are not looking to return to in-person meetings at this time.

Lake City

Used COVID money to install equipment in their Media Center. They utilize a stationary camera that works like an OWL; they have microphones that come down from the ceiling for each board member and the superintendent. All attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing. (This includes board members/staff/public).

The estimated cost for this is \$15,000-17,000)

The meetings are held on Zoom Webinar (which allows up to 500 attendees). The costs for this is \$140/month. The link to the meeting is placed on the school webpage and the public may access the link to attend the meeting. Members of the public must remain off camera and muted.

Public comment- Anyone wishing to submit public comment may leave their statement or question on a designated space on the school webpage. The items are then sent to the board to review and present at the next meeting. A member of the public may attend a meeting in person or participate virtually. Currently there is no limit to the number of public attendees, as they have not had more than five (5) attend in person to date.

Zumbrota-Mazeppa

Conducts meetings using Zoom. The board may attend in person at the District Office or virtual. Each board member on a week-by-week basis determines this. (All attended virtual the last two meetings).

When attending in-person, all attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing. Each member is logged into the meeting on an individual computer, but the entire room utilizes one microphone. All attendees remain off camera.

If a board member attends in-person then the superintendent attends in-person, otherwise all is virtual. No members of the public may attend in-person.

The link to join the meeting is placed on the school website for public to access. Meetings are not recorded.

Albert Lea

Began in-person meetings on 1/19/21. The meetings are open to the public. All attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing. The meetings are recorded and posted the next day.

Austin

Conducts in-person meetings. The meetings are open to the public. All attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing. The meetings are recorded and streamed on the school's YouTube page.

Faribault

In-person beginning 1/25/21 for all board members, Superintendent, Administrative Assistant, Technology Technician. All attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing. All individuals entering the building must conduct a self-administered health evaluation and complete a checklist. These forms are kept on file.

Attendees are seated at tables with individual microphones. Multiple stationary cameras are used to record the meeting. The Technology Technician is logged into Google Meets and projects the virtual meeting on multiple big screen TVs for attendees to watch.

The meeting is streamed on YouTube for the public to access. Public not allowed to attend in-person, they may attend virtually if they wish to participate in Public comment.

One member of the media may attend, but chooses to attend virtually. Board members may attend in-person or virtually.

Mankato

Currently conducting virtual meetings. Will do a trial hybrid meeting in February, but they are still determining how to implement the technology and space issues.

Northfield

Conducts in-person meetings for school board members and the Superintendent. All attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing. Meetings are held on Zoom and the link is posted on the school website for the public and presenters to access.

A stationary camera is used to film and microphones are placed on the table in front of each board member/Superintendent with the meeting projected on a TV for attendees to watch and hear. One member of the media is allowed to attend in-person.

Owatonna

Hold in-person meetings. All board members, Superintendent and staff attend with masks and practice social distancing. They have audio/video equipment set up in the boardroom to record and stream the meetings. A link is on the school website for the public to access. The public is not allow to attend in-person. If a board member must attend virtual, a Zoom meeting is set up for just that member and projected on a screen.