

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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In all ordinary cases every member of the board has both the right and the obligation to vote on all matters that come before the board. It has been held judicially that when a member of the school board “sits silently when given an opportunity to vote, he/she is regarded as acquiescing in, rather than opposing the motion and is regarded as voting with the majority.” Although this statement of law still leaves the matter unclear in the case of a majority negative vote. It is authority for the proposition that a trustee cannot avoid committing himself/herself by refusing to vote.*

Members who vote in the minority on a controversial subject should have their votes recorded in the minutes with reasons for such voting if possible.

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Related Reference:

*Law of Education in Idaho, Vol. 1

Idaho School Trustees Manual, pp. 13