



Voting Under the Amended Regional Agreement

Subject	School Committee Vote	Member Community Vote
Routine Business	More than 50% of weighted vote (present and voting)	None Required
Annual Budget	66.67% of total weighted vote, not merely among those present and voting	Majority vote by the appropriating authority (town meeting or city council) of at least 2/3 (two thirds) of the member communities
Incurring Debt	<p>2/3 (two thirds) of all School Committee members without regard for weighted vote or number of members present and voting</p> <p>If one or more member towns votes to reject debt authorization on first attempt, the School Committee MAY by more than 50% of the weighted vote (present and voting) decide to make a second attempt via district-wide election as permitted by state law.</p>	<p>First attempt by majority vote by the appropriating authority of ALL of member communities. A community that does not vote within 60 days is deemed to approve, but debt is blocked if one community votes “no”.</p> <p>Second attempt by aggregate majority vote in District-wide election (Note that if authorization for debt is approved by this method, AND a majority of voters in a particular community voted “no” in such election, that community MAY seek to withdraw from the District without liability for the debt thus incurred.** Refer to separate section for process.)</p>
Future Amendments to the Regional Agreement	3/4 (three fourths) of all School Committee members without regard for weighted vote or number of members present and voting	The current requirement for approval by the legislative body of each member community is unchanged, meaning that a majority vote is required in 100% of member communities.)
Admission of New Community	3/4 (three fourths) of all School Committee members without regard for weighted vote or number of members present and voting	Constitutes an amendment to the Regional Agreement and thus requires approval by all member communities
Withdrawal of a Community	N/A; must refer to member communities.	<p>2/3 (two thirds) vote by the legislative body of the community seeking to withdraw from the District**</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Approval by a majority of other member communities. Note that in this case, failure of the legislative body of a member community to vote <i>disapproval</i> within 60 days of the notice of the requested withdrawal (e.g. a town does not bring the question to town meeting) will constitute approval by that community.</p>

*These matters also require approval by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education.

**Strict time limits apply when such vote is taken with the intent of withdrawing without liability for debt authorized by District-wide election. Withdrawing community remains liable for share of any other debt authorized while they were a member.

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