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RULES OF ORDER

Related Policies: BEA, BEDB, BEDH

General rules of parliamentary procedure are used for every Board meeting. Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as a guide at any meeting. The order of business shall be reflected on the agenda.

Any ruling of the Chairman may be challenged on any subject by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Board members present and voting, provided that a quorum is present at the time of the vote.

General Principals:

1. Meeting rules should facilitate, rather than inhibit, the Board's deliberation and decision-making process. The rules should be readily understandable and help keep meetings free from procedural quagmires.
2. All board members have equal rights, privileges and obligations in the deliberative and decision-making process. Meeting rules should help assure that each member is able to participate in the debate, and that no single member is able to dominate discussion to the exclusion of other members.
3. Every board member, and the public in attendance, has the right to hear what is going on at all times.
4. A meeting can deal effectively with only one specific matter at a time.
5. Members have a right to know beforehand what they will be discussing and/or voting upon.
6. A school board meeting is a meeting at which the Board conducts its business. While board meetings are open to the public (except as provided under RSA 91-A:2 and 3), board meetings are not public hearings where the public has the right to speak. Public comment at board meetings shall be governed by Board Policy BEDH.