

BP 2355 Decorum and Parliamentary Procedure

References:

There is no Oregon statutory requirement. This is based on local board practice.

Unless otherwise provided in the Board policies, or as provided by Oregon law, the Board will use Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (Procedures for Small Boards) as a guide for conducting meetings.

The following will be ruled out of order by the presiding officer.

- Profanity, obscenity, and other disruptive language and conduct.
- Physical violence or threats of physical violence directed towards any person or property.

In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by the actions of one or more persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the person(s) may be removed from the meeting room.

In addition, the chair has the inherent authority to keep order and to impose any restrictions necessary for the efficient and orderly conduct of the meeting. Any person failing to comply with reasonable rules of conduct or who causes a disturbance may be asked or required to leave and upon failure to do, becomes a trespasser.

Speakers who engage in such conduct may be removed from the podium and denied the opportunity to speak to the Board of Education for the duration of the meeting.

Before removal, a warning and a request that the person(s) curtail the disruptive activity will be made by the President of the Board of Education. If the behavior continues, the person(s) may be removed by a vote of the Board of Education, based on a finding that the person is violating this policy, and that such activity is intentional and has substantially impaired the conduct of the meeting.

If order cannot be restored by the removal in accordance with these rules of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the Board of Education may order the meeting room cleared and may continue in session. The Board of Education shall only consider matters appearing on the agenda. Representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this rule.

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