

Bylaws of the Board

Meeting Conduct

Meetings of the Board of Education shall be conducted by the Chairperson in a manner consistent with the adopted bylaws of the Board.

The conduct of meetings shall, to the fullest possible extent, enable members of the Board to (1) consider problems to be solved, weigh evidence related thereto, and make wise decisions intended to solve the problems, and (2) receive, consider and take any needed action with respect to reports of accomplishment of students or of school system operations.

Provisions for permitting any individual or group to address the Board concerning any subject that lies within its jurisdiction shall be as follows:

1. Five minutes may be allotted to each speaker.
2. In the event that any Board meeting is interrupted by any person or group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, and in the event that order cannot be restored by removal of the individuals causing such an interruption, then the Board Chair may clear the room and continue the meeting. In that event, the Board may consider only those items appearing on the agenda for the meeting. Representatives of the media shall be permitted to remain in the room during the public portion of any such session, unless they are responsible for causing the disruption.
3. When a speaker is addressing the BOE members, then Robert's Rules should be adhered to. No employee, student, or member of the community should be defamed.

Adjourned Meetings

The Board may adjourn any regular or special meeting to a specified time and place. If there is less than a quorum, the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting. A copy of the notice of such special adjournment shall be conspicuously displayed near the meeting room door promptly following the adjournment.

Actions By the Board

No action will be taken unless the subject acted upon was listed in the agenda published for that meeting, except that an item of business not included on the agenda of a regular meeting may be considered and acted upon after a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting to add such business to the agenda.

All actions taken by the Board shall be identified clearly in minutes of the Board meeting as provided in Bylaw 9326, minutes.

(cf. 9320/9321 – Meetings – Time/Place/Notification)
(cf. 1120 – Board of Education Meetings re public participation)
(cf. 9321 – Time, Place, Notification of Meetings)
(cf. 9322 – Public and Executive Sessions)
(cf. 9323 – Construction/Posting of Agenda)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

18a Definitions

1-19 Access to public records

1-21 Meetings of government agencies to be public

1-21a Recording, broadcasting or photographing meetings

1-21b Smoking prohibited in certain places. Signed required. Penalty

1-21g Executive sessions

1-21h Conduct of meetings (re disturbances)

1-21i Denial of access of public records or meetings. Notice. Appeal

10-224 Duties of the Secretary

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Shelton Public Schools

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