

## **Bylaws of the Board**

### **Meeting Conduct & Parliamentary Procedures**

#### **Legal Notice**

All Orange Board of Education meetings shall be appropriately posted and conducted as provided by Connecticut General Statutes; under governing statutes, a meeting is any quorum of the Board of Education convened in person or electronically to discuss or act upon a Board matter, but meetings shall not include:

1. any meeting of a personnel search committee for executive level positions;
2. any chance meeting or a social meeting neither planned nor intended for discussing Board of Education business;
3. strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining;
4. a caucus of members of a single political party notwithstanding that such members also constitute a quorum of the Board of Education;
5. communications limited to notice of meetings of the Board of Education or the agendas for such meetings.

Upon written request to the Superintendent of Schools, any person(s) may receive by mail notice of any Orange Board meeting at least one week prior to the meeting where practical. An annual fee, payable to the school district, shall be made for this service. The amount of the fee shall be determined by the Superintendent of Schools and shall be directly related to the cost of providing this service.

#### **Recording, Broadcasting, or Photographing Meetings**

The media may record, photograph, broadcast or record for broadcast by persons, newspapers, radio and television stations with 24 hour advance notification and approval by the Superintendent of Schools. Such recording, photographing, broadcasting or recording for broadcasting by persons, newspapers, radio and television stations shall be done as inconspicuously as possible and in such manner as not to disturb the Board of Education meeting.

#### **Conduct of Meetings**

In the event that an Orange Board of Education meeting is interrupted by any person or group of persons who render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored

by the removal of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the Chair of the Orange Board of Education shall order the meeting room cleared and continue in session. Only regular items on the agenda may be considered in such case. Media representatives, unless they were disorderly, shall be permitted to attend the sessions held in this manner.

After time has passed, the Chair, in his/her discretion, may suspend the Board meeting and invite back those members of the public not responsible for the disruption.

### **Voting Method**

Board minutes shall reflect how each member votes on each motion. Orange Board of Education voting shall be by raise of hand — with an exception for the Election of Officers at the Orange Board's Annual meetings which vote shall be by signed ballots.

Except as provided by law, Board Policy, Board Bylaws, or any other binding agreements on the Orange Board, a majority vote of members present and voting shall be sufficient to pass a motion. Abstentions shall not be counted as votes.

### **Parliamentary Procedures**

Orange Board meetings shall be conducted according to the rules of parliamentary procedure laid down in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, unless otherwise specified by state law or in written Bylaws for Orange Board of Education operating procedures.

(cf. [9321](#) Time, Place, Notification for Meetings)

Reference: *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[1-200](#) Definitions. ("Public Agency")

[1-225](#) Meetings of government agencies to be public. Recording of votes. Schedule and agenda of meetings to be filed. Notice of special meetings. Executive sessions.

[1-226](#) Recording, broadcasting or photographing meetings.

[1-227](#) Mailing of notice of meeting to persons filing written request.

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