

<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility SC 407 Pol. 006</p>	<p>The presiding officer at each public Board meeting shall follow Board policy for the conduct of public meetings. Where his/her ruling is disputed, it may be overruled by a majority of those Board members present and voting.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>Whenever issues identified by the participant are subject to remediation under policies and procedures of the Board, they shall be dealt with in accordance with those policies and procedures and the organizational structure of the District.</p> <p>Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation if applicable.</p> <p>When called upon, each individual shall normally have a maximum of five (5) minutes to make his/her presentation to the Board. Should it appear that a large number of people wish to speak on the same topic, the Board President may, at his/her discretion, limit the time each speaker shall have to less than five (5) minutes and/or limit the total time available to speak on the topic in order to allow for the completion of the agenda items in the available time. An individual may not cede his/her time to another person, or defer his/her appearance.</p> <p>No participant may speak more than once on the same topic, unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.</p> <p>All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually.</p> <p>The presiding officer may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. Character assassination, derogatory remarks directed towards any individual, or profanity by those addressing the Board will not be allowed.2. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.3. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers to remove a disorderly person when his/her conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting.4. Call a recess or adjourn to another time when the lack of public decorum interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting.

5. Waive these rules with the approval of the Board.

Microphones, cameras and other paraphernalia related to recording devices are only permitted at the table provided for the news media or with the express permission of the Board President. Extra lighting of any sort in the meeting room shall only be permitted with the express permission of the Board President.

No placards or banners will be permitted within the meeting room.

The meeting agenda and all pertinent documents shall be distributed to the press and public at the meetings.

Executive Sessions

Requests to address the Board in executive session may be honored if the matter to be presented is within the constraints of current law which only allows executive sessions of the Board for confidential matters involving employee relations, labor relations, real estate transactions, consultation with the Board's attorney, and any other such matters which must be confidential by law. Rules governing requests to address the Board in public sessions will also apply to executive sessions.

Work Sessions

All guidelines outlined for public participation in Board meetings shall apply to Board work sessions except that individuals shall only be allowed to address the Board on items which are on the agenda for action during that session.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 407

Sunshine Act – 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq.

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