

BP 2355 Decorum

References: ORS 166.025

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

- Disrupting, disturbing, or otherwise impeding the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- 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.

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

Expressive speech or profanity in and of itself not be considered disorderly conduct. Before removal, a warning and a request that the person curtail the disruptive activity will be made by the Chair of the Board of Education. If the behavior continues, the person 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, any member of the Board of Education may clear the meeting room and the meeting will 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.

END OF POLICY

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