

MEETING CONDUCT AND RULES OF ORDER

The Laconia School Board will conduct its meetings pursuant to the following protocols:

1. Except as otherwise provided by law, by regulation of the State Department of Education, or by the Board itself, meetings will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Revised (BEDD-R).
2. Decisions of the Board will not be relegated to the use or any type of a survey or poll.
3. Meeting rules should facilitate, rather than inhibit, the Board's deliberation and decision-making process. The rules should be readily understandable and help keep meetings free from procedural quagmires.
4. All board members have equal rights, privileges and obligations in the deliberative and decision-making process. Meeting rules should help assure that each member is able to participate in the debate, and that no single member is able to dominate discussion to the exclusion of other members.
5. Every board member, and the public in attendance, has the right to hear what is going on at all times.
6. A meeting can deal effectively with only one specific matter at a time.
7. Members have a right to know beforehand what they will be discussing and/or voting upon.
8. A school board meeting is a meeting at which the Board conducts its business. While board meetings are open to the public (except as provided under RSA 91-A:2 and 3), board meetings are not public hearings where the public has the right to speak. Public comment at board meetings shall be governed by Board Policy (BEDH).

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