

Southwestern Oregon Community College

BP 2355 Decorum

Purpose:

The purpose of this board policy is to ensure the orderly conduct of meetings of the Board of Education.

Statement:

The Chair of the Board of Education, acting as the presiding officer, has inherent authority to keep order and to impose any reasonable restrictions necessary for the efficient and orderly conduct of a meeting.

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 podium and denied the opportunity to speak to the Board of Education for the duration of the meeting.

Before removal, a warning and a request that the persons curtail the disruptive activity will be made by the Chair of the Board of Education. If the behavior continues, the person(s) may be removed by the Chair, 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, the Board of Education may order the meeting room cleared and may continue in session with in-person attendees moved to another room if reasonably possible where the public may view the remainder of the board meeting. 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.

References:

ORS 192.610 - .705

OAR 199-050-0050

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