

POLICY BEDD

Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools

Related Entries: BEDD-R
Responsible Office: Board of Education

RULES OF ORDER

I. PURPOSE

The Board of Education is committed to conducting a meeting that proceeds routinely, smoothly and without delay.

II. POSITION

A. The Board desires to use rules of procedure for its meetings which assist in the achievement of the following:

1. Meetings proceed efficiently.
2. The Board acts by the decision of a majority of a quorum of its members, but with equal opportunity for all members to participate fully, whether in the majority on a given issue or not.
3. Decisions are made on the merits as determined by the voted conviction of a majority rather than from a manipulation of the procedural rules.

B. Agenda items may be considered out of sequence by a majority vote of the Board to amend the agenda. Agenda items may also be deleted by motion to amend; however, action items cannot be added to the agenda during the Board meeting.

C. The Board shall follow rules of parliamentary procedures.

1. The President is authorized to declare the Board's approval of the minutes, the agenda and adjournment when it is evident that no change or objection is being proposed. Similarly, the President may declare a recess or rule a motion out of order.
2. The President's ruling may be challenged and overridden by a majority vote of the remaining Board members present.
3. After the agenda has been approved by the Board, it must be followed unless a motion to consider something out of order is approved by a majority vote.
4. The maker of a motion shall have the right to withdraw the motion at any time prior to a vote being taken by the President.

- D. The President of the Board surrenders none of the privileges of being a member by virtue of office. The President may discuss business, make motions and seconds, and is expected to cast votes on action matters.
- E. To the extent not provided for in these rules and to the extent that the reference does not conflict with the spirit of these rules, the Board shall refer to Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, for unresolved procedural questions. [see BEDD-R, which includes Parliamentary Procedures at a Glance.]

III. REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.



Board of Education, President

Oct. 21, 2008

Date Approved

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Legal Reference: