

Bylaws of the Board

Meeting Conduct

Meetings of the Board of Education shall be conducted by the Chairperson of the Board of Education in a manner consistent with the adopted Bylaws of the Board.

All Board meetings shall commence at the stated time or as soon thereafter as a quorum is present and shall be guided by an Agenda which will have been prepared and delivered in advance to all Board Members and other designated persons.

The meetings shall, to the fullest possible extent, enable Members to conduct the business of the Board in an orderly, expeditious manner.

Provisions for permitting any resident of the Town of New Milford, any parent/guardian of a child enrolled in New Milford Public Schools, or any current employee of the New Milford Public Schools to address the Board concerning any subject that lies within its jurisdiction shall be as follows:

1. A 3 minute time limit may be allowed to each speaker with a maximum of 20 minutes per meeting being allocated for any one item.
2. The Chairperson shall not permit actions which disrupt or interrupt the orderly conduct of the Board meeting. A willful participant in such conduct will be asked to leave the meeting of the Board. In case of a general disturbance the meeting room may be cleared except for non-participating representatives of the press.
3. The Board may, by a majority vote, decide to cancel or extend the 20 minutes allotted per item.
4. Questions which can be answered during the meeting may be answered at the option of the Board. Other inquiries which may require analysis/investigation will, at the option of the Board, be answered at a future specified date.
5. If a resident of the Town of New Milford, any parent/guardian of a child enrolled in New Milford Public Schools, or any current employee of the New Milford Public Schools to makes an oral presentation about the performance of a Board member or employee, whether named or not, including charges or complaints, the Board shall not discuss such performance – whether in public or executive session—unless the topic is an explicit item on the agenda and the employee or Board member has been provided the requisite notice and due process required by law. In such circumstances, the Board may inform the Town resident, parent/guardian of a child enrolled in New Milford Public Schools, or employee that all such charges or complaints concerning individual Board members or the Superintendent should be sent to the Chairperson of the Board and to such other Members

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as deemed appropriate and all such charges or complaints concerning individual employees of the Board should be sent to the immediate superior of the person to whom the complaint relates. If a satisfactory answer is not received, then a written appeal may be filed with the next higher authority.

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