

**TITLE: DECORUM**

**BOARD POLICY # 2355** *(was 103 AP)*

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- A. The following will be ruled out of order by the Chair of the Board of Education:
1. Profanity, obscenity, and other disruptive language.
  2. Physical violence or threats of physical violence directed towards any person or property.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. Before removal, a warning and a request that the person(s) 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 presiding officer, 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.
- E. 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. 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.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

The Board Chair is responsible for implementing and updating this policy. Specific guidance for policy implementation may be found in the associated Administrative Procedure(s).

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**DATE(S) OF REVISION:**

**DATE(S) OF PRIOR REVIEW: 3/9/2022**