

Pendleton School District 16R

Code: **BDD**
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Orig. Code(s): BCD

Board Meeting Procedures

1. Quorum

A quorum will consist of four members of the Board.

2. Votes Needed for Exercise of Powers

A majority vote of all Board members will be necessary for the exercise of its powers.

3. Board Member Voting

The vote on all motions will be by “aye” or “nay,” and the result of the vote of each member will be recorded by name, except in the case of a unanimous vote.

4. Abstaining From Vote

If a Board member chooses to abstain from voting, such abstention will be recorded.

5. Parliamentary Procedure

Official business of the Board will be transacted by motion or resolution at duly called regular or special meetings.

Except as otherwise provided by state law and/or Board policy, the rules of parliamentary procedure comprised in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, will govern the Board in its deliberations with the following exceptions:

- a. The chair is permitted to make motions.
- b. The chair is expected to vote unless specifically abstaining, at which time he/she states the reason for the abstention.
- c. Properly made motions are not required to have a second.

The chair will decide all questions relative to points of order, subject to an appeal to the entire Board.

After a motion has been made, any member may raise an objection on the grounds that such motion is in violation of existing rules and regulations.

The chair will rule on such objection, and if his/her ruling is not accepted by any member, such member can appeal the ruling to the entire Board.

Discussion by Board members will be unlimited so long as it applies to the motion before the Board or the matter under consideration. The Board may vote to limit discussion, and the chair will confine discussion to the matter before the Board.

The chair may limit the time of any citizen appearing before the Board in order that all who wish to be heard may have the opportunity.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.650](#)
[ORS 332.045](#)

[ORS 332.055](#)
[ORS 332.057](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

38 OR. ATTY. GEN. OP. 1995 (1978)
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OSBA Model Sample Policy

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The affirmative vote of ~~three~~ four Board members will be necessary for exercising any of the Board's powers. All votes of the Board shall be taken by public vote, except when authorized in executive session under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 332.061.

3. Board Member Voting

The results of all votes shall be recorded, including the vote of each member's vote by name, on all votes taken by the Board. A written ballot, if used, shall identify the individual Board member by name and their vote, and shall be announced during the meeting at which the vote occurred. Secret ballots are prohibited.

4. Abstaining from Vote

Any conflicts of interest will be handled in accordance with ORS 244.120 and Board policy BBFA – Board Member Ethics and Conflicts of Interest. Board member abstentions will be documented in the meeting minutes or recording.

5. Parliamentary Procedure

Official Board business will be transacted by motion or resolution at properly noticed¹ meetings.

Except as otherwise provided by state law and/or Board policy, the rules of parliamentary procedure comprised in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, "Procedure in Small Boards"² as modified by the Board will govern the Board in its deliberation. Modifications include the following: Motions will all be seconded prior to consideration for discussion by the Board and motions to close or limit debate will be acceptable.

The Board chair will decide all questions relative to points of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

Failure to follow *Robert's Rules of Order* will not invalidate a lawful Board decision.

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¹ See ORS 192.640, OAR 199-050-0040 and Board policy BD/BDA – Board Meetings for notice requirements

² See *Robert's Rules of Order*, 12th Edition, § 49:21.

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