

“The Rules of the Meeting”

The following is a Summary of the expected Parliamentary Decorum and certain Parliamentary Motions for this meeting

Parliamentary Decorum

- 1.) An article will be read by the Moderator
- 2.) The Moderator will then recognize a member of the school board to begin the discussion on the School Board proposed warrant article, as is appropriate.

Parliamentary Decorum

3.) The Moderator will then recognize speakers from the audience. All speakers must be courteous and speak to the issues, not the individual raising them. The Moderator will NOT allow personal attacks nor inappropriate language.

If any person behaves in a disorderly manner, and after notice from the Moderator, persists in such behavior, the Moderator will request such person to be removed from the meeting per RSA 40:8.

Parliamentary Decorum

4.) Non-voters may speak ONLY with the permission of the meeting except, the Moderator will allow non-resident School officials and consultants or experts to speak who are at the Meeting to provide information about an Article or questions related to the administration of the schools.

Parliamentary Decorum

5.) The Moderator may impose time limits as necessary to “keep the meeting moving”.

6.) Once a person has spoken on an issue, they should wait until all others have had a chance to speak, unless it is a response to a question.

PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

1.) MOVE THE (PREVIOUS) QUESTION to end debate.

This motion may be called to end debate after a reasonable time of discussion. A 2/3rd majority vote is required to pass, if there is a 2/3 majority, this will end debate. We would then proceed to vote on the motion on the floor or proceed to the next Article. A “No” vote means discussion may continue at the pleasure of the meeting.

PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

2.) REQUEST TO VOTE BY SECRET BALLOT

To vote by secret ballot, five voters must sign a request in writing prior to a voice vote being called. (Forms are available on the stage.) This request can only be made for the article being considered.

PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

3.) MOTION TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION OF AN ARTICLE

A motion to restrict reconsideration on an Article is allowed on any and all prior votes. (i.e. “I wish to protect my vote”). Once a motion to Restrict Reconsideration is adopted, the restricted Article(s) can no longer be reconsidered by today’s meeting.

PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

4.) MOTION TO AMEND AN ARTICLE

At today's meeting, certain articles are subject to amendment. If amendments are properly offered, they will be discussed, and will be voted upon here today. If an amendment is adopted by this meeting, the Article will appear as amended on the Official Ballot at the Voting Session on Tuesday March 9, 2021, without another vote on the original Article. If an amendment fails, the Article will appear on the Official Ballot in its original form, with no further action needed. Only one amendment may be presented at a time. Amendment forms are on the stage.

PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS

5.) POINT OF ORDER

This may be called at any time if there is question about Parliamentary or General Procedures.

A request to “move the question” is not a point of order.