

Except as otherwise provided by law or by the policies of the Watauga County Board of Education (the “board”), meetings of the board will be conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

The chairperson is authorized to entertain and rule on questions concerning parliamentary procedure and to seek counsel of the board attorney when necessary to clarify or construe any relevant procedural provision.

A. ACTION BY THE BOARD

The board shall proceed by motion, except as otherwise provided for in board policies or the laws of North Carolina. Any member, including the board chair, may make a motion. All motions require a second.

B. ADOPTION BY MAJORITY VOTE

A motion shall be adopted by a majority of the votes cast, a quorum being present, unless otherwise required by board policies or the laws of North Carolina.

C. DEBATE

The board chair shall state the motion or have it stated and then open the floor to debate. The board chair shall preside over the debate according to the following principles:

1. The maker of the motion is entitled to speak first;
2. To the extent possible, the debate shall alternate between proponents and opponents of the measure; and
3. A member who has not spoken on the issue shall be recognized before one who has already spoken.

Legal References: G.S. 143-318.12

Cross References:

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