

SCHOOL BOARD RULES

The MISSION of the Timberlane Regional School District is to engage all students in challenging and relevant learning opportunities, emphasizing high aspirations and personal growth.

1. Board members are expected to treat each other with respect and professionalism.

2. All discussion will be germane to a specific agenda item.

3. A Board member, once recognized by the Board chair, may not hold the floor for longer than 3 minutes. That Board member may retain the floor for an additional 3 minutes if approved by the Board.

4. A Board member wanting to add items to an agenda will contact the Board chair. The Board chair and Superintendent will decide whether or not to add those items to the agenda for the next meeting. If they decide not to then any Board member may ask the Board to approve an agenda item for the next scheduled meeting, during “New Business” of the current meeting.

5. All email addressed to the TRSB@timberlane.net will be sent to the Board chair only to which the Board chair will respond to the email with copies of said response made part of the correspondence record and provided to all Board members at their next board meeting.

6. All communication to anyone within Timberlane (excluding subject matter related to your child’s education at Timberlane) must move through Board chair. If the subject matter is related to a specific committee then it may move through the committee chair. Committee chairs may utilize their co-chair (SLT member) to relay or obtain information.

7. The Board recognizes that all its decisions may not be supported by all Board members. While it is hoped that, those decisions will be supported by all Board members regardless of how a Board member voted, a Board member is under no obligation to publicly support a Board decision and is not restricted from publicly criticizing or expressing opposition to a Board decision.

8. All communication to the press will be provided by the Board chair. Board members contacted by the press seeking the School Board’s position on a matter are encouraged to direct the press to contact the chair for the Board’s position on the matter. However, nothing in this rule shall prohibit a Board member from expressing his or her opinion concerning School Board policies and decisions as an individual member of the Board. In such situations, Board members when speaking to the press are encouraged to indicate to the press that they are speaking as an individual member of the Board and not for the Board as a whole.

Nancy Steenson, Chair

Kate Delfino, Vice Chair

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