

Except as otherwise provided by law or other policies of the board, meetings of the Stanly County Board of Education will be conducted in accordance with the rules of order set forth below. To the extent not provided for in these rules and to the extent that the reference does not conflict with the spirit of these rules, the board shall refer to *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, for unresolved procedural questions.

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. MOTIONS**

1. The board shall proceed by motion.
2. Any board member, except the presiding officer, may make a motion.
3. A motion must be seconded.
4. A member may make only one motion at a time.
5. A substantive motion is out of order while another substantive motion is pending.
6. A motion shall be adopted by a majority of the votes cast, a quorum being present, unless otherwise required by these rules, the laws of North Carolina, or another policy of the board.
7. A motion may be withdrawn by the introducer at any time before it is amended or before the chairperson puts the motion to a vote, whichever occurs first.
8. A motion that is defeated may be renewed at any later meeting unless a motion to prevent reconsideration has been adopted.

**B. DEBATE**

1. The chairperson shall state the motion and then open the floor to debate on it.
2. The chairperson shall preside over the debate according to the following general principles.
  - a. The introducer of the motion is entitled to speak first.
  - b. A member who has not spoken on the issue shall be recognized before someone who has already spoken.

- c. To the extent possible, the debate shall alternate between proponents and opponents of the measure.

### C. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

In addition to substantive proposals, the following procedural motions, and no others, shall be in order. Unless otherwise noted, each motion is debatable, may be amended, and requires a majority vote for adoption.

In order of priority (if applicable), the procedural motions are as follows.

1. To Adjourn. The motion to adjourn may be made at any time, may interrupt deliberation of a pending matter, may not be amended, and is not debatable.
2. To Take a Recess. The motion to take a recess may be made at any time, must include the length of time of the recess, may interrupt deliberation of a pending matter, may not be amended, and is not debatable.
3. Call to Follow the Agenda. The motion to call to follow the agenda must be made at the first reasonable opportunity or it is waived, may interrupt a speaker, is not debatable, and may not be amended.
4. Rulings of the Chairperson. The motion to appeal the rulings of the chairperson must be made at the first reasonable opportunity or it is waived and may not be amended.
5. To Suspend the Rules. For adoption, the motion requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present, but in no case may the rules be suspended by the affirmative vote of less than the number required for a quorum.
6. To Amend an Agenda.
7. To Divide a Complex Motion and Consider It by Paragraph.
8. To Defer Consideration. A substantive motion, the consideration of which has been deferred, expires 100 days thereafter unless a motion to revive consideration is adopted.
9. Call of the Previous Question. The motion is not in order until every member has had an opportunity to speak.
10. To Postpone to a Certain Time or Day.
11. To Refer to a Committee. Sixty days after a substantive motion has been referred to a committee, the introducer of the motion may compel consideration of the

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measure by the entire board, whether or not the committee has reported the matter back to the board.

12. To Amend. An amendment to a motion must be pertinent to the subject matter of the motion, but it may achieve the opposite of the motion's intent. The motion may be amended, but no further amendments may be made.
13. To Revive Consideration. The motion is in order at any time within 100 days after the day of a vote to defer consideration. A substantive motion on which consideration has been deferred expires 100 days after the deferral unless a motion to revive consideration is adopted.
14. To Reconsider. The motion must be made by a member who voted with the prevailing side only at the meeting during which the original vote was taken. The motion cannot interrupt deliberation on a pending matter but is in order at any time before final adjournment of the meeting.
15. To Rescind or Repeal.
16. To Ratify.
17. To Prevent Reconsideration for Six Months. The motion shall be in order immediately following the defeat of a substantive motion and at no other time. For adoption, the motion requires a vote equal to the number required for a quorum. If adopted, the restriction imposed by the motion remains in effect for six months or until the next organizational meeting of the board, whichever occurs first.

In addition, the board may hold closed sessions in accordance with policy 2321, Closed Sessions, as provided by law. The board shall commence a closed session only after a motion to go into closed session has been made and adopted during an open meeting.

Legal References: G.S. 143-318.12

Cross References:

Adopted: