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Purpose

The Board of School Directors (“Board”) of Springfield School District (“District”) recognize the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of listening to members of the public in Board meetings.[\[1\]](#)

Authority

In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board will provide a period for public participation in accordance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and will formulate rules to govern such public participation in Board meetings. The presiding officer at each public Board meeting will follow the rules of the Board for conduct of public meetings in accordance with this policy and Policy No. 006, Board Meetings. Where his/her ruling is disputed, it may be overruled by a majority of those Board members present and voting.[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)

The Board President or the presiding Board member has the authority to interrupt/stop or otherwise discontinue the participation of someone addressing the Board, if in the opinion of the presiding officer or at the recommendation of other Board members, through comments or material presented, the presenter potentially affects or undermines the safety and security of: the District, students, faculty or other personnel or violates professional, personal or medical privacy.

The Board requires that public participants be residents or taxpayers of this District.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy.

DISCLAIMERS:

This policy is superseded by all current federal and state laws and mandates.

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1. 65 Pa. C.S.A. 701 et seq
 2. 65 Pa. C.S.A. 710.1
 3. Pol. 006
 4. 65 Pa. C.S.A. 712.1
- 24 P.S. 407
- Pol. 906