



SECTION: 105

TITLE: DEBATE AND SPEAKER'S TIME LIMIT

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1	I. TIME LIMITS	Subject Matter	1
2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics shall remain on the Board floor no longer than one-half hour. 	2
3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If necessary, they shall be assigned to appropriate committees for 	3
4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> review. 	4
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6		Speakers	6
7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports from Board Members, administrators, teachers, students and 	7
8		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> special presenters shall not exceed fifteen minutes in presentation. 	8
9		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional time shall be granted, if needed for presentation of graphic 	9
10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> materials. 	10
11		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queries on material shall not exceed five minutes. Rebuttal arguments 	11
12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> shall not exceed five minutes per speaker. 	12
13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All speakers must refrain from using verbal attacks or abusive 	13
14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> language. (The recording of the meeting may be edited in these 	14
15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> instances or in instances of the reference to personally identifiable 	15
16		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> information of a minor.) The Board president or his/her designee 	16
17		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> has the discretion to silence the microphone. 	17
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19		Extensions	19
20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a majority of the Board determines that a subject under discussion 	20
21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> is of significant importance an extension of time may be granted, not to 	21
22		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> exceed one-half hour. 	22
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24		Public Participation	24
25		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to the meeting, those persons wishing to speak will register at a 	25
26		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> space provided and will need to check whether or not they are a 	26
27		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> resident/taxpayer and if they will be speaking on agenda items. 	27
28		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments by speakers at the official monthly Public Board Meeting 	28
29		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> and Public Work Session shall be allowed only at the times specified 	29
30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on the agenda. 	30
31		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speakers will be called to the podium in the following order: residents 	31
32		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> and taxpayers of this school district who wish to speak on agenda 	32
33		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> items; residents and taxpayers of this school district who wish to 	33
34		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to speak on non-agenda items; and others who wish to speak on 	34
35		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> agenda items. Any additional topic and/or comment by a non- 	35
36		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> resident or person who does not pay Neshaminy school district tax 	36
37		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> may be presented to the board in written form directed to the Office 	37
38		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> of the Superintendent or by email. 	38

POLICY 105 - Debate and Speaker's Time (continued)

- Speakers shall identify themselves by stating their name, area in which they live and occupation.
- There will be a three minute time limit per speaker at the beginning of the meeting.
- There will be a one hour limit to public comment at the beginning of the meeting.
- When all those who have registered to speak have been heard, others may speak, time permitting.
- There will be an additional period for public comment, limited to three minutes per speaker prior to adjournment. Registered speakers who have not spoken will have the opportunity to speak first and use three minutes. They will be counted as first session speakers.
- No speaker may speak more than once during each comment period.
- At the discretion of the Board president, board members or appropriate administrators may respond to questions from the public.
- Should matters presented be of a controversial nature, the Board may refer them to the proper committee or hold them for inclusion on the agenda of a subsequent meeting.

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