

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 8, SECTION 2-8.3 ENTITLED “PUBLIC SPEAKERS BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD” OF THE POLICIES OF THE SUFFOLK CITY SCHOOL BOARD — SECOND READING

BE IT ORDAINED, by the School Board of the City of Suffolk, Virginia that Chapter 2, Article 8, Section 2-8.3 entitled “Public Speakers Before the School Board” of the Policies of the Suffolk City School Board, be, and the same is hereby added as follows:

SECTION 2-8.3. Public Speakers Before the School Board. — Any member of the Suffolk Community speaking before the School Board must adhere to the following:

1. Confine their comments to matters germane to the business of the School Board of the city of Suffolk;
2. Refrain from words or statements which, from their usual construction and common acceptance, are construed as insults and tend to incite violence or breach of the peace;
3. Refrain from obscenity, vulgarity, or other breach of respect;
4. Comply with the time limit for public comment as set by the Board, which can be up to five minutes, unless the Board through the exercise of its discretion decides to allow less than five minutes for public comment;
5. Refrain from cumulative or repetitive remarks; and
6. Refrain from making any comment regarding any pending student discipline or employee grievance matters. The appropriate forum for such matters is the applicable administrative hearing provided by State law or, where appropriate, court proceeding.

Legal Authority – Virginia Code Section 22.1-78.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, subsections, sections and chapters of the School Board’s Policy Manual not amended or repealed shall remain in full force and effect.

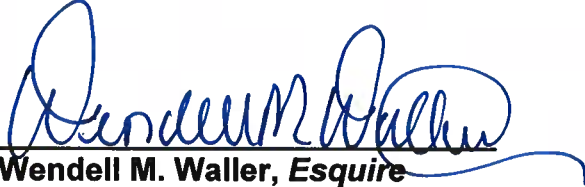
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Approved as to form and content:



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