

**Section 2-2.5. Removal from office; filling vacancies; removal of a board member from a public meeting; disruptive behavior defined.** — A. Any School Board member may be removed from office in accordance with the provisions of Virginia Code Sections 24.2-230 through 24.2-237 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

B. When a vacancy occurs on the School Board, the remaining members, within forty-five (45) days of the office becoming vacant, shall fill the vacancy. If the majority of the remaining members of the School Board cannot agree, or do not act, the judges of the circuit court of the City of Suffolk shall make the appointment. The persons so appointed shall hold office until the qualified voters fill the vacancy by special election as provided for by law and the person so elected has qualified.

C. Any member of the School Board can be removed from any public meeting of the School Board when a board member: (1) engages in disruptive behavior that disrupts the orderly process of the meeting; (2) has been twice warned at the current meeting by the chair of the school board that such behavior is disrupting the orderly process of the meeting; and (3) a motion is made and properly seconded calling for the board member's removal from the public meeting and the motion is duly adopted by a two-thirds vote of Board members present at the meeting. No member of the school board can be summarily removed from a public meeting of the school board unless this policy is strictly adhered to.

D. "Disruptive behavior" under this policy means any action or conduct by a board member that interferes with the normal operations of the School Board to include unlawfully obstructing presentation of motions, voting, or debate by members of the School Board or the willful violation of any policy of the School Board for the orderly conduct of the meeting of the School Board. (Adopted June 8, 1995; Revised November 11, 1999)

**Legal Authority** - Virginia Code §§ 24.2-230, 24.2-231, 24.2-232, 24.2-233, 24.2-234, 24.2-235, 24.2-236, 24.2-237, 24.2-238 and 22.1-573 (1950), as amended.