

From: [Vicky Cutroneo](#)
To: [April Harrison](#)
Subject: Re: Public comment script
Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 12:48:48 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

last line, ..."and comments are not intended to be nor should be conveyed as viewpoints of the Board of Education, the Superintendent or the HCPSS.

Regards,

Vicky Cutroneo, Chair
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At-large member
Legislative Committee Member
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all BOE members: boe@hcpss.org

From: April Harrison <April_Harrison@hcpss.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 4:58 PM
To: Vicky Cutroneo <Vicky_Cutroneo@hcpss.org>
Subject: RE: Public comment script

Please see Stephen's suggestion below and let me know if you approve of me submitting "Topics excluded from Public Forum are individual personnel matters, complaints identifying individual students, pending appeals, topics for which the Board schedules public hearings, and advertising or solicitation for products and/or services" with "Public forum is the opportunity for members of the public to provide their views to the School Board and the comments are not meant to be the viewpoints of the School Board, the Superintendent, or the school system".

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From: Stephen Cowles <Stephen_Cowles@hcpss.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2022 3:51 PM
To: April Harrison <April_Harrison@hcpss.org>

Subject: RE: Public comment script

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Stephen

From: April Harrison <April_Harrison@hcpss.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2022 3:43 PM
To: Stephen Cowles <Stephen_Cowles@hcpss.org>
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Subject: FW: Public comment script
Date: Friday, June 10, 2022 1:30:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: [Jahantab Siddiqui](#)
To: [Brian W. Bassett](#); [Emily Bahhar](#)
Subject: Fwd: Updated public forum script
Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022 8:58:36 AM
Attachments: [Public comment discussion.docx](#)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Vicky Cutroneo <Vicky_Cutroneo@hcpss.org>
Date: June 9, 2022 at 8:46:41 AM EDT
To: Board Member's Email <restrictedboard@hcpss.org>, Student Board Member <Student_Member@hcpss.org>, April Harrison <April_Harrison@hcpss.org>
Cc: Michael Martirano <Michael_Martirano@hcpss.org>, Karalee Turner-Little <Karalee_TurnerLittle@hcpss.org>, Stephen Cowles <Stephen_Cowles@hcpss.org>, Ian Riffield <Ian_Riffield@hcpss.org>, Donna Forton <Donna_Forton@hcpss.org>, Jahantab Siddiqui <Jahantab_Siddiqui@hcpss.org>, Scott Washington <Scott_Washington@hcpss.org>
Subject: Updated public forum script

Colleagues,

In response to what transpired during last meeting's public forum, there have been multiple discussions/meetings involving security, General Counsel, cabinet and IT so that we can be better prepared and ensure we are following the spirit of our own policies.

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From: Stephen Cowles <Stephen_Cowles@hcpss.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 3:15:45 PM
To: Vicky Cutroneo <Vicky_Cutroneo@hcpss.org>; Antonia Watts <Antonia_Watts@hcpss.org>
Cc: April Harrison <April_Harrison@hcpss.org>
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From: [Jolene Mosley](#)
To: [Vicky Cutroneo](#)
Cc: [Board Member's Email](#); [Student Board Member](#); [April Harrison](#); [Michael Martirano](#); [Karalee Turner-Little](#); [Stephen Cowles](#); [Ian Riffield](#); [Donna Forton](#); [Jahantab Siddiqui](#); [Scott Washington](#)
Subject: Re: Updated public forum script
Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022 8:52:52 AM
Attachments: [Public comment discussion.docx](#)

Can you clarify what this means:

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Thank you
Jolene

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From: [Stephen Cowles](#)
To: [Brian W. Bassett](#)
Subject: RE: If we were in Rockville - we could prohibit
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 10:52:02 AM

Thank you – I will review and perhaps make a couple of changes, then share with Karalee to get her feedback.

Appreciate the assistance.

Stephen

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From: Brian W. Bassett <Brian_Bassett@hcpss.org>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 2:59 PM
To: Stephen Cowles <Stephen_Cowles@hcpss.org>
Subject: Re: If we were in Rockville - we could prohibit

Started a draft for a disclaimer that can be read:

The Board encourages participants of Public Forum to refrain from using language that is indecent, profane, threatening or abusive in nature. However, public comment may contain material that viewers find objectionable, including language or other behaviors, and may not be suitable for younger viewers.

Brian W. Bassett

Director of Communication and Engagement

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From: Stephen Cowles <Stephen_Cowles@hcpss.org>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Brian W. Bassett <Brian_Bassett@hcpss.org>
Subject: If we were in Rockville - we could prohibit

Sec. 13-53. - Profanity; violation of section declared misdemeanor.

(a) A person may not profanely curse and swear or use obscene language upon or near any street, sidewalk or highway within the hearing of persons passing by, upon or along such street, sidewalk or highway.

(b) A person may not act in a disorderly manner by profanely cursing, swearing or using obscene language.

(c) Any person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Laws of Rockville, Ch. 12, § 12-1.00)

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