

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

1. Citizens' Attendance At Board Meetings

Citizens of the District have the expressed right and are encouraged to attend regular and special meetings of the Board of Education and to hear and observe the deliberations of its Directors. Citizens may be heard by the Board upon pertinent issues, subject to the following regulations and to the rulings of the Board President in his/her duty to expedite legitimate and objective discussion.

2. Identification Of Speaker And Topic

The business of Regular and Special Meetings of the Board is kept on permanent record. Therefore it is necessary for every person who wishes to address the Board to state his/her name and the subject about which he/she wishes to speak.

3. Procedure For Agenda Items

Any citizen may request to have an item placed on the agenda. He/she should submit in advance of the meeting a written request to the Superintendent stating his/her name, contact information, and topic about which he/she wishes to be placed as an agenda item.

During the development of the agenda it will be determined whether it is in the interest of the Board to allow the request and recognize the speaker. Should the President recognize the request, he/she may limit the time for the presentation and, if there are numerous requests to address the Board on the same subject, may select representatives to speak on each side of the issues.

All persons are to address the President and may direct questions or comments to Board Directors or Administrators upon approval of the President. Responses or answers will not be given during this meeting. The Board Director or Administrator will contact the individual within a reasonable time.

4. Procedure For Speaking During Board Meetings

Any citizen may request the opportunity to speak regarding any issue and must, at the appropriate time, be recognized by the Board President to speak on that issue.

Citizens are encouraged to sign in upon arrival at the Board Meeting. This will assist the Board President in recognizing them.

The procedure to be followed for a presentation will be governed by the procedure for agenda items set forth above.

There are three 20-minute time periods designated for Citizens' to speak to the Board. They are listed on the agenda as Citizen's Comments:

- 1.) During the Preliminaries section of the agenda, as the last item before the start of the Consent Items for the purpose of addressing other concerns that are not Action or Non-Action items on the agenda,
- 2.) At the beginning of Action for the purpose of addressing action items only, and
- 3.) At the beginning of Non-Action for the purpose of addressing Non-Action items only.

Except when otherwise specified by the Board President, comments by individual citizens in a given time period shall be limited to three minutes with a 30-second warning on the time limit.

5. Citizens On Scheduled Business

The above regulations are not designed to restrict the scheduled appearance of citizens who have regular business with the Board and whose presentations are provided for in the agenda.

Participation by citizens who are present as witnesses in any hearing or by vendors or other business representatives who are present for the consideration of bid awards is guided by regulations affecting these special procedures.

6. School District Employees

Participation in Board Meetings by employees and their representatives is guided by personnel policies and regulations except that all employees have the right to attend Board Meetings in the same manner as all other citizens.

7. Complaints Regarding District Personnel

The Board will not hear oral complaints regarding school personnel except in the manner provided for elsewhere in policies and regulations.

8. Applause For Speaker Comment Is Not Acceptable

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