
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board as a representative body of the district wishes to provide an avenue for any citizen to express his/her interest in and concerns for the schools. Accordingly, the public is cordially invited to attend Board meetings.

Meetings of the Board are conducted for the purposes of carrying on the business of the schools and are closed to the public only during executive sessions. Board action, however, shall be taken in public.

During full agenda meetings, three separate 20-minute periods of time will be provided for "Citizen 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 specified otherwise by the Board president, comments by individual citizens shall be limited to three minutes with a 30 second warning on the time limit.

In order that the Board may fairly and adequately discharge its overall responsibility, citizens who wish to make requests, representations or proposals to the Board are requested to direct these to the Superintendent who will deal with them according to the regulations approved by the Board. The intent of the regulations is to:

1. Allow everyone who wishes an opportunity to be heard
2. Allow the Superintendent to take direct action to clarify or recommend action to the Board when policies already have been established by the Board
3. Minimize the possibility of the Board making ill-advised, illegal or improper rulings due to hasty action in the absence of adequate information and study, especially when a policy does not exist, a change in policy is proposed or an exception to policy specifically is requested
4. Not interfere with the fulfillment of the Board's tasks-----

The Administration will report at the next regular meeting on investigations/ actions taken as a result of citizen comments.

The Administration will develop procedures for informing the public on how to obtain information on Board meetings (agenda, minutes, etc.) on the proper approach for participation in Board meetings, and on how to access the Board.

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CROSS REFS.: BHC, Board Communications with Staff
 BEC, Executive Sessions/Open Meetings
 KE, Public Concerns and Complaints
 KEB, Public Concerns/Complaints about Personnel
 BEDB, Agenda