

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Participation by the Public

The Board encourages public attendance and participation in its public board meetings. The Board meets to conduct the official business of the school district as set forth on the agenda. The public is asked to recognize that time constraints and procedures are required to assure an orderly process during the meeting.

In order to assist the Chair, persons who wish to address the Board should fill out a card which is provided at the door. The person's name and the subject of his/her remarks should be noted. These should be given to the secretary prior to the meeting. If the stated subject is on the agenda, the speaker will be heard at the time that agenda item is initially brought up for discussion by the Board. Other speakers will also be recognized if time permits. To insure fairness and efficiency, speakers are asked to keep comments as brief as possible, not to exceed four minutes.

It shall be in order for the members of the Board, after first giving recognition of the chair, to interrupt the speaker to ask questions and clarify the discussion.

Remarks and allegations by a person addressing the Board concerning the character or motives of an employee of the district are out of order. All such complaints should follow the Board Policy 204.12. Only those individuals recognized by the chair shall be permitted to participate in the discussion. Any attempt by persons not so recognized to discuss any motion before the Board, is out of order.

The Chair shall permit and conduct adequate discussion of each item by Board members and by staff and audience. In general, no more than twenty minutes will be allowed for public comments. Should additional time be needed, a motion to extend the discussion time may be made by any Board member.

If a topic is not on the agenda, persons may address the Board in the Public Forum item of the agenda. If an issue is raised which will require the preparation of an agenda item, it will be referred to the superintendent for such preparation, and the person raising the issue will be informed of the meeting when it will appear on the agenda.

Extended discussion of action on any item can only take place with items on the agenda as posted.

The Correspondence item of the agenda is designed for written comments from the public, not discussion.

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