

BOARD POLICY

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings. To that end, the Board will provide a period at an early point in the meeting during which visitors may address the Board on subjects not on the agenda. The Board may also allow individuals to address the Board on select agenda items prior to Board action.

In order to permit fair and orderly comment, individuals who wish to address the Board should sign-up before the meeting begins on the sheet provided. Individuals wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the president. Each speaker will be allotted a maximum of three minutes, and no more than thirty minutes shall be allotted to a single subject except with the unanimous consent of the Board. The president may interrupt or terminate an individual’s statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of such rulings.

It is not permissible to discuss complaints regarding individual employees of the School District at any meetings of the Board. Such charges or complaints shall be presented to the Board in writing and shall be signed by the person or persons making the charge or complaint. Executive sessions may be granted for the hearing of charges against individuals, whether students or employees. Those with questions or complaints concerning instructional practices or instructional materials should write to the superintendent identifying their concerns/complaints. The superintendent or designee will advise them of proper procedures for lodging such complaints.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodation to participate in a meeting should contact the superintendent’s office no later than three days before a regular meeting and as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so that arrangements for the accommodation can be made.

Legal References: RCW 42.30.030 Meetings declared open and public
 RCW 42.30.050 Interruptions – Procedures

 42 U.S.C. 12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

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