

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Public Attendance and Comment

Public Comment

The board of directors encourages input and participation from the public at board meetings. The board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of public comment, the board will provide a thirty (30) minute period in the meeting during which visitors may address the board on any topic within the scope of the board's responsibility. The board is not obligated to provide additional public comment time to accommodate everyone in attendance who wishes to speak. Any structure the board imposes will be content neutral.

Those who wish to speak will be asked to sign in so that the board has a tally of individuals who wish to speak and can call them forward. When called forward, individuals will identify themselves and proceed to make comments within the two (2) minute time limit established by the board. Should a speaker exceed their time allotted, one other individual signed up to speak may choose to cede their entire allotted time to that speaker; time may be ceded to a speaker by only one person.

The board is not obligated to respond to questions or challenges made during the public comment period and the board's silence will not signal agreement or endorsement of the speaker's remarks. The chair/president may terminate an individual's statement when the allotted time has passed and may interrupt a speaker to require the same standard of civility that the board imposes on itself. Examples of uncivil comments include comments that:

- Are libelous or slanderous;
- Are an unwarranted invasion of privacy;
- Are obscene or indecent pursuant to the Federal Communications Act or any rule or regulation of the Federal Communications Commission;
- Violate school district policy or procedure related to harassment, intimidation, bullying, or discrimination;
- Incite an unlawful act on school premises or violate a lawful school regulation; or
- Create a material and substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the board meeting; or
- Involve political campaigning.

The board as a whole has the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings and can maintain order by removing those who are disruptive. However, the board recognizes the distinction between uncivil discourse, which it will not tolerate, and comments about the board, district, and / or staff that are negative yet still civil in nature and will exercise its authority to maintain order in a content neutral manner.

Agenda Items

The following guidelines shall be observed by persons wishing to bring items to the board's attention.

1. Persons wishing to have items placed on the board agenda shall submit these items to the superintendent nine (9) days in advance of the board meeting. The appropriateness of an item to be placed on the agenda will be determined by the president of the board and the superintendent.
2. Persons submitting items to be considered by the board should be present to take part in the discussion or answer questions regarding that particular item and have prepared in advance any materials they wish to have distributed to the board.

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