

Public Presentation to the Board

- **Public Comment**

The Board of Trustees highly values public comment and input. The board meeting format is designed to facilitate the evening's agenda and, therefore, restricts board members from engaging in conversation with the public speaker or immediately responding to questions. Questions and concerns may be addressed by the board later in the agenda and may be assigned for follow-up by the board or superintendent at a later date. Speakers are reminded it is unlawful to mention the name of staff or students when discussing behavior or other incidents. It is board policy to not allow public comment outside of this agenda item. Please feel free to reach out to the board or district office at any time outside of the public meeting if you wish to discuss issues or ask questions. Under normal circumstances it is desirable to allow everyone to address the Board. The following rules shall apply to protect the public's right to be heard when there are many persons who wish to address the Board of Trustees.

- a) Each speaker will be allowed a presentation not to exceed three (3) minutes to five (5) minutes at the appropriate time on the Agenda.
- b) Each participant must state his name and address before beginning his/her remarks.
- c) There will be a limit of one presentation per person.
- d) Organizations and groups will be represented by a single spokesperson. The spokesperson for each group will be limited to a presentation of three (3) minutes to five (5) minutes. To save repetition and time, the Board of Trustees requests that persons not speak if a previous speaker has expressed a similar position on the same issue.

By consensus of the Board and by the direction of the Board Chairperson, the rules of the By-Law may be suspended for special reasons at any particular meeting. Further, the Board may reserve the right to adjust the length of time intended for community participation.

- **Public Presentation of Items to be Placed on the Agenda**

Individual Board members, employees, students and patrons may have matters directly related to school district business placed on the Agenda of a regular Board of Trustees meeting by addressing a written request for inclusion of such item to the Superintendent, Post Falls School District #273, P.O. Box 40, Post Falls, ID 83877. The request must be received no later than Tuesday preceding the meeting at which time the matter is intended to be discussed. Any item placed on the Board Agenda by the Board Chairman at the request of any of the above mentioned person(s) will be scheduled as information and discussion only. The Board of Trustees retains the discretion to determine whether or not to move such an item for consideration as an item for Board Action on the Agenda of any subsequent Board meeting. In making such a determination, the Board may request postponement of discussion to permit adequate time for study, analysis and response by district staff. The Board may also remove such an item from the Agenda when it appears that no one present at the Board meeting wishes to discuss the matter or if the item requested pertains to a topic more appropriate for discussion in executive session. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to determine when it will consider subjects that are appropriate according to law for discussion in an executive session.