

Houston County Board of Education

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APPEALS TO THE BOARD

Any matter relating to the operation of the school system may be appealed to the Board. However, the Board desires that all matters be settled at the lowest level of responsibility and will not hear complaints or concerns which have not advanced through the proper administrative procedure from the point of origin.

If all administrative channels have been pursued and there is still a desire to appeal to the Board, the matter shall be referred in writing and the Board shall determine whether to hear the appeal.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD

Individuals desiring to appear before the Board may request placement on the agenda in writing by submitting a *Request to Address the Board of Education* form to the office of the Director of Schools two (2) business days before the meeting date. They will be recognized at the beginning of the meeting and given time to speak when their topic of interest is addressed on the agenda. Sufficient background material will be provided by the speaker. The chairman may recognize individuals not on the agenda for remarks to the Board if he/she determines that such is in the public interest. A majority vote of the members present can overrule the decision of the chairman.

Delegations must select only one individual to speak on their behalf unless otherwise determined by the Board.

Recognition of individuals who are not citizens of the school system is to be determined by majority vote of the Board.

Individuals speaking to the Board shall address remarks to the chairman and may direct questions to individual Board member or staff members only upon approval of the chairman. Each person speaking shall state his name, address, and subject of presentation. Remarks will be limited to five (5) minutes unless time is extended by a majority vote of the Board. The chairman shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who does not adhere to the above rules or chooses to be abusive to an individual board member or the Board as a whole¹. Members of the Board and the director of schools may have the privilege of asking questions of any person who addresses the Board.

Individuals desiring additional information about any item on the agenda shall direct such inquiries to the office of the Director of Schools.

Legal Reference:

1. TCA 39-17-306

Cross Reference:

- School Board Meetings 1.400
 Agendas 1.403
 Complaints About School Personnel 5.502