

Beginning in our July meeting, the Claiborne Parish School Board will follow the approved district policy regarding public comments on agenda item at all meetings.

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Before each meeting of the School Board, a copy of the agenda for that meeting shall be posted at the meeting place or otherwise conspicuously displayed. It shall also be posted on the School Board's website. A public comment period shall be held before any vote is taken on an agenda item. Comments from the public shall occur after introduction of the item to be voted on and before any discussion by School Board members. However, a person is not entitled to take up business before the School Board unless the item in which he/she is interested has been placed on the agenda of that meeting.

Any person wishing to speak on any of the items listed in the agenda must complete and submit a card containing the name of the person, the name of any organization the name of any organization or group for whom the individual wishes to speak and the specific agenda item about which the person wishes to speak. A separate card must be completed and submitted for each different agenda item on which the individual would like to address the School Board.

As the School Board reaches each item on its agenda, the School Board President shall recognize those persons indicating a desire to speak on that item. No individual may speak without first being recognized by the presiding officer. Each person may speak for not more than three (3) minutes on each item, and may speak only once on each agenda item. When the individual has been recognized to speak on an agenda item, that individual shall approach the podium. The individual shall limit his/her comments to matters that are strictly relevant to that agenda item. The individual shall refrain from asking questions or making requests of the School Board or staff. No accusatory comments or comments relative to the performance of specific employees or potential employees shall be permitted. The School Board shall delay its deliberations on each agenda item until all members of the public who wish to address the Board have been given an opportunity to speak.

In the event that the School Board should add an item for which a vote shall be taken to its agenda after the School Board meeting begins, the School Board President shall orally request of the audience whether anyone in attendance would like to speak on the added agenda item. Each person indicating a desire to do so shall be given a period not to exceed three (3) minutes to address the School Board on each added agenda item. The Board shall delay deliberations on that agenda item until such time as all interested members of the public have had an opportunity to speak.

At the conclusion of all public input on each agenda item, the School Board shall deliberate the matter and take such action as it considers appropriate. There shall be no further public input allowed on each agenda item after the School Board has begun its deliberation of that item. Copies of this procedure shall be available for distribution to the public during regular business hours and at meetings of the School Board and its committees.