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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings of the Board and Board-appointed committees are open to the public. A speaker should be a Wickliffe resident. However, nonresidents may speak with unanimous Board consent.

A person wishing to address the Board is requested to notify the Treasurer in writing at least one week in advance of the meeting indicating the subject of the remarks. Advance notification simply enables the Board to have all available information on a particular subject at hand on the meeting night. Items that have been submitted at the Board meeting may not be answered until reviewed by the Board.

If no advance request has been made, a citizen may still speak when the chairperson recognizes the visitors by giving the Treasurer a slip of paper showing his/her name, address and subject for discussion.

Persons speaking to the Board may have three minutes, with extensions requiring a unanimous vote of the Board. Each subject is allotted 15 minutes with the same provision for extension.

Visitors may direct their questions only to the Board as a whole. A Board member may wish to question a speaker, or to make a comment for clarification.

There must be unanimous Board consent to hear any person discuss a motion pending before the Board.

Complaints against an individual school employee should be made to the Board in writing and signed by the person making the change or complaint in order that rumors, untruthful statements and unjust accusations be eliminated from Board consideration.

Any speaker who engages in defamatory or abusive remarks may be cut off in mid-address by the President.

Persons under 18 years of age who wish to address the Board should be accompanied by a parent or guardian unless the Board waives this requirement by unanimous consent.

It is to be remembered at all times that the Board is a statutorily constituted body engaged in the transaction of public business. The Board acts in accordance with the authority and responsibility vested in it by law on behalf of all citizens, present at the meeting or not.

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