

Statement – Chair Light
September 22, 2025

“Good evening and thank you to everyone who has joined us tonight. We appreciate your time and commitment to our schools and community. Some community members have asked why there is not a public comment item on tonight’s agenda. Under Board Policy BDDH – Public Comment at Board Meetings, public comment is generally provided at regular meetings. Tonight’s meeting is a special meeting for a work session focused on future agenda items, and consistent with Board policy, public comment has not been scheduled.

The Board does welcome and value public comment. We provide opportunities for comment during our regular meetings, both in person and in writing. We also want to be clear that Board policy does not allow comments regarding individual district employees, whether named or implied. When concerns involve personnel, the appropriate process is the Public Complaints procedure under Board Policy KL.

Community members are always welcome to submit written comments through the district office, either electronically or by mail. These are provided to the Board in accordance with policy. This process ensures that voices are heard while also protecting the rights of staff and upholding the standards we are required to follow. With that clarification, we will now move forward with tonight’s agenda. Thank you.”