

Community Relations

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees encourages all citizens of the District to express their ideas and concerns. The comments of the community will be given careful consideration. In the evaluation of such comments, first priority will be District students and their educational program.

Any complaint about the District, including instruction, discipline, District personnel policy, procedure or curriculum, should be referred through proper administrative channels before it is presented to the board for consideration and action. All complaints should be resolved through proper channels in the following order:

1. Teacher or Staff
2. Principal or Supervisor
3. Director or Administrator
4. Superintendent
5. Board of Trustees

Please see Board Policy #4110 regarding patron/student complaints.

At each regular meeting of the Board, the agenda will provide time for public comment. Persons wishing to address the Board will be required to sign up prior to the beginning of the meeting. A sign up sheet will be available at the meeting.

Total time allotted for public comment will not exceed thirty (30) minutes. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. If a large number of the public wish to speak on the same issue or topic, members of the public are encouraged to select a representative(s) to summarize their position. Additionally, the Clerk of the Board will accept written comments for distribution to the Board. Written material must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting it.

If a topic is being considered by a committee established for that purpose, the Chairman may refer the public comment to that committee.

Members of the Board will not respond to public comment. Instead, issues may be recorded and referred to the proper staff person for follow-up. The Chairman may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, repetitive, or irrelevant. The Board of Trustees as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

If a special meeting has been held to obtain public comment on a specific issue, the Chairman of the Board may choose to not recognize speakers wishing to comment on the same topic at a regular meeting of the board.

Cross Reference: 4110 Patron/Student Complaints
4320 Disruption of School Operations

Legal Reference: I.C. §33-512 (11)
I.C. §67-2345

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