

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Citizens' Appearances

Meetings of the school board are open to the public with the exception of executive sessions authorized by law. The board encourages citizen attendance at board meetings. The press is encouraged to attend and report on all board meetings.

Opportunity will be provided at specified times at each regular meeting for citizens to comment on items on the agenda as well as to bring issues before the board.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

Individuals wishing to be heard by the board shall be recognized by the board president. After identifying themselves, individuals will proceed to comment as briefly as the subject permits. The president may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant. The board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

If a citizen wishes to use supporting written or other materials with their oral presentation, the materials should be presented to the District office five working days in advance of the meeting to allow board members the opportunity to review them before the meeting. It is not a requirement to have such supporting materials to address the board. Oral presentations or comments without supporting materials are welcome. When presentations are made by more than one person, the leader or spokesperson should be identified. Time limits may be imposed to ensure the orderly conduct of board business.

It should be understood that the inclusion of a presentation or request on the agenda is not a commitment that the board will indicate its position or take any action.

Request for Addition of Item on the Agenda

Citizen requests for agenda items to be included shall be made to the District office at least five working days prior to the board meeting. Time limits, based on content and the length of the agenda, may be imposed.

Such agenda items, with background summaries, will be included in the board agenda packet. The board president will make the final determination as to inclusion of the items on the agenda.

Any citizen not complying with this provision may request inclusion of an item on the current board agenda during the time set aside for this at the beginning of the meeting. The board president will decide if the item is to be included in the current meeting agenda, or postponed to a future board meeting. The board may override this decision of the president by majority vote.

Procedures for comments or presentations for citizen-requested agenda items are the same as described above for comments on regular agenda items.

Cross Reference: Policy 1400 Bylaws of the Board--Meetings
 Policy 1440 Meeting Conduct and Order of Business
 Policy 1441 Audience Participation
 Policy 1442 Community Generated Items for Board Discussion

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