School Board Governance and Operations

Citizen Participation/Board Meetings

Meetings of the Board shall be open to the public unless adjourned to Executive Session under the provisions of the “Open Meetings Act”. At these meetings the Board of Education welcomes the advice and counsel of citizens in planning and operating the schools. Citizens may present such advice and counsel in the following manner:

1. Citizens who inform the Board of Education by Noon on the Thursday before the Board Meeting shall have their name, the group affiliation, if applicable; and topic placed on the agenda. The citizen will be allowed to speak at the beginning of the meeting for a period not to exceed 5 minutes unless another time-limit is approved by action of the Board.

2. At the discretion of the Board President, a citizen may comment on regular agenda items during the course of a regular meeting for a period not to exceed 5 minutes unless another time-limit is approved by action of the Board.

3. Citizens wishing to address the Board on a non-agenda item may do so during “Audience Participation (Non-arranged)”. A time limit will be specified by the Presiding Officer and shall not exceed a five (5) minute maximum per person, unless approved by action of the Board.

4. All persons wishing to address the Board shall state their name, the group affiliation, if applicable; and topic to be recorded in the meeting minutes.

Conduct and Remarks Out of Order

Undue interruption or other interference with the orderly conduct of Board business cannot be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. The Presiding Officer may terminate the speaker’s privilege of address if, after being called to order, he/she persists in improper conduct or remarks.

Questions and Comments by Board and Superintendent

Board Members and the Superintendent may question a speaker or make comments in response to the speaker’s remarks. Public comment is the opportunity for the public to speak on a topic to the Board, not a dialogue between the citizen and the Board.
Charges, Complaints or Challenges
At a public Board Meeting, no person may orally initiate charges or complaints against individual district employees or Board Members. All such charges or complaints should be presented to the Superintendent or Board in writing, signed by the complainant. (The Open Meetings Act provides that the person the complaint is against has the right to ask for a closed hearing on the complaint). All such charges, if presented to the Board directly, will be referred to the Superintendent for investigation and report. Challenges of instructional materials used in the district are subject to district policy, rules and regulations.

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