

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Board meetings are for the purpose of transacting the business of the district and must proceed in a timely, business-like manner. The board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the board will provide a time for audience input.

The board requires that those who speak be either residents or employees of the district, or the legal counsel representing such residents or employees. Any representative of an employee union or a firm eligible to bid on materials or services solicited by the board shall also be entitled to express an opinion. The president may establish a time limit per speaker or 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 such rulings.

The procedure will be as follows:

- A. Formal Pre-Arranged Presentations: Individual citizens or representatives of groups or organizations will pre-schedule such presentations through the Superintendent's Office one week in advance of the Board meeting. Formal presentations follow "adoption of the agenda" in order of business.
- B. Specific Agenda Item Speakers: Those desiring to speak on an agenda item must, at the beginning of the meeting, sign their name, address and phone number on the "Persons to Address the Board Form", indicating agenda item(s) to be addressed. Prior to board action on the item, the board president will then call upon the persons to speak in order of sign up.
- C. Individuals who wish to address the board of directors will be given agenda time at each regular board meeting.

Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting should contact the superintendent's office no later than three days before a regular meeting and as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so that arrangements for the modification can be made.

Legal References:	RCW 42.30.030	Meetings declared open and public.
	RCW 42.30.050	Interruptions -- Procedure.
	42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213	Americans with Disabilities Act

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