

Board Policy BCBI: Public Participation in Board Meetings

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All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public.

So that the Board may hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the district, and also conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, it shall schedule one or more periods of a specified length of time during each meeting for brief comments and questions from the public.

Members of the public wishing to make formal presentations before the Board should make arrangements in advance with the Superintendent so that such presentations may be scheduled on the agenda.

Comments and questions at a regular meeting may relate with any topic concerned with the Board's conduct of the schools. Comments at special meetings can only deal with the call of the meeting. Speakers may offer criticisms of school operations and programs. But during a meeting, the Board will not hear personal complaints against any person connected with the school system.

Those who speak must limit their remarks to a maximum of three minutes. Groups must designate a spokesman.

The Board chairman shall be responsible for calling on all speakers, who shall properly identify themselves, for maintaining order, and for adhering to the time limits set. All presentations to the Board are to be brief and are intended for the Board to hear comments or concerns without responding or taking action at the meeting.
