

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

The board recognizes the importance of citizen participation in school district matters. In order to assure citizens are heard and board meetings are conducted efficiently and in an organized manner, the board will set time aside for citizen participation.

Citizens wishing to make a brief state to express a viewpoint should follow guidelines as outlined in the school board meeting protocol brochure. The presiding officer will recognize these individuals to make their comments during the open forum of a regular meeting.

Citizens wishing to present petitions to the board may also do so at this time. The board, however, will only receive the petitions and not act upon them or their contents.

The ordering process of the board meeting shall not be interfered with or disrupted. Board members may ask questions of speakers after receiving permission from the chair. Only those speakers recognized by the chair shall be allowed to speak. Comments by others are out of order. If disruptive, the individual making the comments or another individual causing disruption may be asked to leave the board meeting.

A public comment shall be limited to regular board meetings and will not be routinely held during special board meetings.

Individuals who have a complaint about employees may bring their complaint to the board only after they have followed board policy addressing citizens' complaints. Students who have a complaint may only bring their complaint to the board after they have followed board policy addressing students' complaints.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 21; 22; 279.8 (2013).

- Cross Reference: 205.1 Board Security and Protection
- 211.9 Board Meeting Agenda
- 215 Public Hearings
- 309 Communication Channels
- 401.5 Employee Complaints
- 402.5 Public or Student Complaints about Employees
- 903 Public Participation in the School District

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