

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Citizens who have a place on the agenda may address the board on the issue of their concern during the discussion of that issue. The presiding officer will recognize these individuals to make their comments when the item of their concern is addressed during the meeting.

Citizens who do not have a place on the agenda may address the board on the issue of their concern during the comments and suggestions from citizen's agenda item of a regular board meeting. Anyone addressing the board that has not been placed on the agenda must sign in with the board secretary. One of the first items on the agenda is the recognition of any visitors and representatives who may wish to address the board. The board voluntarily makes this time available to residents of the district. If the pressure of business or other circumstances dictate, the board president may decide to curtail this policy. The presiding officer will recognize these individuals to make their comments at the appropriate time. The board has the discretion to limit the amount of time set aside for public participation. Normally, speakers will be limited to 3 minutes. However, the board president may modify this time limit, if deemed appropriate or necessary. Public comment is a time set aside for community input, but the board will not discuss or take any action on any matter during public comment.

The orderly process of the board meeting shall not be interfered with or disrupted. Board members may ask questions of the speakers after receiving permission from the chair. Only those speakers recognized by the chair during the open forum and for agenda items shall be allowed to speak. Comments by others are out of order, and the individual making the comments or an individual causing disruption may be asked to leave the board meeting.

Individuals who have a complaint about school district personnel may bring their complaint to the school board only after they have followed board policy on the bringing of citizens' complaints.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§21;22;279.8.

Cross Reference:	205.1	Board of Directors Member Security and Protection
	211	Board of Directors Meetings
	216	Public Hearings
	402.5	Public Complaints about General Personnel
	904	Public Participation in the School District

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