

Corbett School District 39

Code: **BDDH**
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Orig. Code(s): BDDH

Public Participation in Board Meetings

All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. The only exception is in the case of an executive session.

No action authorized or required by law shall be taken by the Board, except in a meeting open to the public.

Comments and input from community members are welcome and encouraged by the Board through such means as “parking lot” (unfinished business) as part of the regular Board agenda. Visitors and patrons need to be aware that the purpose of a Board meeting is to conduct the business of the district and it is, therefore, necessary to establish a businesslike procedure for receiving information from the public. Members of the community in need of information are encouraged to enlist the services of the staff prior to the Board meeting.

1. For specific regular or special Board meetings, the Board may adopt a special format which may exclude audience participation due to previous and recent input from community patrons.
2. Speakers are required to sign up with an audience comments card and announce their name and speak from the table, lectern or microphone.
3. During the initial audience comments period which is immediately after staff reports, comments will be restricted to non-agenda items.
4. Audience comments will be taken on each action business item after information is provided and prior to a final Board decision. The number of comments may be limited at the discretion of the Board.
5. All individual comments will be limited to three minutes unless the chairman extends the time limit. Issues requiring more time should be placed in writing and forwarded to the superintendent for the correspondence section of the Board agenda.
6. In an effort to ensure quality and avoid duplication, the Board may request that a representative be selected to speak for groups of people with similar concerns. Again, a time limit will be established by the chairman of the Board.
7. Decisions may not occur on non-agenda items.

8. Audience comments will be acknowledged and recorded. Open discussion regarding individuals or district personnel will be not be acceptable. In addition, Board members are bound to the Corbett Education Association contract, which is specific regarding teacher rights with respect to the complaint procedure from patrons of the community.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 165.535](#)

[ORS 192.610 - 192.690](#)

[ORS 165.540](#)

[ORS 332.057](#)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101-12213; 29 CFR Part 1630 (2000) 28 CFR Part 35 (2000).

Cross Reference(s):

KLD - Public Complaints about District Personnel