

# Phoenix-Talent School District 4

Code: **BDDH**  
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## Public Participation at Board Meetings

All meetings of the Board, with the exception of executive sessions, shall be open to the public. The Board invites citizens of the district to attend Board meetings so that they may become acquainted with the program and operation of the schools. Members of the public also are encouraged to share their ideas and opinions with the Board when appropriate.

The Board shall schedule a period during each regular Board meeting to hear citizens' concerns. In order to assure that persons who wish to address the Board may be heard and at the same time allow the Board to conduct its meetings properly and efficiently, the chair may establish procedures to regulate discussion as appropriate.

Questions asked by the public shall, when possible, be answered immediately by the chair or referred to other Board members or staff members present for reply. Questions requiring investigation may, at the discretion of the Board, be referred to the superintendent for response at a later time.

Persons who wish to have an item of interest placed on the formal agenda for Board consideration should contact the superintendent at least seven days before the regularly scheduled meeting date. Inclusion of such items on the agenda shall be at the discretion of the Board chair in consultation with the superintendent. Items on the agenda requested by the public will normally be heard by the Board and referred to the superintendent for recommendation for action at a subsequent meeting.

Complaints against school personnel should be directed to the superintendent and are not appropriate items of discussion at public Board meetings.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 165.535](#)  
[ORS 165.540](#)

[ORS 192.610 - 192.690](#)  
[ORS 332.057](#)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2006); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2006).

### Cross Reference(s):

BDDA - Notification of Board Meetings  
BDDC - Agenda Preparation and Dissemination  
BDDF - Voting Method  
KC - Community Involvement in Decision Making  
KLD - Public Complaints about District Personnel