

Public Comment at Board Meetings

Patrons of the district are encouraged to share their ideas and opinions with the Board when appropriate. Therefore, the following guidelines have been established to ensure effective public participation during Board meetings.

1. Patrons who wish to address the Board will sign up on a sign-in sheet prior to the Board meeting with their name and the topic about which they wish to speak;
2. The Board chair will ask for public input at the appropriate time during the meeting;
3. Speakers will be allowed to offer objective criticism of school operations and programs, but the Board will not hear complaints concerning individual school personnel in open session;
4. Only patrons of the district or those invited by the Board will be allowed to address the Board;
5. Comments to the Board will be limited to three minutes in duration;
6. The Board will hear input from the public, but is under no obligation to respond to the comments or questions made by the speakers;
7. The Board will place a limit of no more than three speakers to address a particular topic. The first three patrons on the sign-up sheet speaking on a common topic will be those allowed to speak to the Board;
8. If the Board chair believes further discussion with the Board would be productive and beneficial, he or she reserves the right to waive the above restrictions regarding the number of speakers to address the Board and/or length of time those speakers have to speak.

Community Sign-Up Sheet

Patrons of the district who wish to speak to the Board must sign up prior to the beginning of the meeting. At the appropriate time in the meeting, the Board chair will allow for community input on certain topics. Please be advised that speakers may offer objective criticism of school operations and programs. The Board will not hear comments regarding individual school personnel. The visitor is directed to the procedures in Board policy KL - Public Complaints for Board consideration of a legitimate complaint involving a staff member. The association contract governing the employee's rights will be followed. A commendation involving a staff member should be sent to the superintendent, who will forward it to the employee, his/her supervisor and the Board.

Please be aware of the following guidelines:

1. Only patrons of the district or those invited by the Board will be allowed to address the Board;
2. Comments to the Board will be limited to three minutes in duration;
3. A spokesperson should be designated to represent a group with a common purpose. The Board will limit discussion from no more than three individuals on a particular topic. The first three patrons on the sign-up sheet speaking on a common topic will be allowed to speak to the Board;
4. The Board will hear input from the public, but is under no obligation to respond to the questions or comments made to the speakers.

Name	Phone Number	Topic