

BANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT #54

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Public Participation in Board Meetings

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. Because the Board desires to hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the district, it shall offer suitable time at all meetings for citizens to be heard.

Recognizing its responsibility for proper governance of the schools and therefore the need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, the Board shall schedule time during each meeting for the public participation.

Audience

During an open session of a Board meeting, members of the public are specifically invited to present concerns, concerns, thoughts, ideas, etc. during the designated portion of the agenda or during the "Public Input" section.

Request for an Item on the Agenda

A member of the public may request the superintendent place an item of concern on the agenda of a regular Board meeting. This request should be made in writing and presented to the superintendent for consideration at least five working days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Procedures for Public Participation in Meetings

Procedures will be established for public participation in open meetings of the Board. The purpose of these procedures will be to inform the public as to how to effectively participate in Board meetings for the best interests of the individual, the district and the patrons. The information will be easily accessible and available to all patrons attending a public Board meeting.

Discussion or presentation concerning a published agenda item is limited to its designated place on the agenda.

A visitor speaking during the meeting may introduce a topic not on the published agenda. Such topics will be addressed during "Public Input." The Board, at its discretion, may require that a proposal, inquiry or request be submitted in writing, and reserves the right to refer the matter to the administration for action or study.

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Any person who is invited by the chairman to speak to the Board during a meeting should state his or her name and residence and, if speaking for an organization, the name and identity of the organization. A spokesman should be designated to represent a group with a common purpose. Statements by members of the public should be brief and concise. The chairman may use discretion to establish a time limit on discussion or oral presentation by visitors.

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

Petitions

Petitions may be accepted at any Board meeting. No action will be taken in response to a petition before the next regular meeting. Petitions will be referred to the superintendent for consideration and recommendation.

Criticisms of Staff Members

Speakers may offer objective criticism of school operations and programs, but the Board will not hear personal complaints concerning school personnel or against any person connected with the school system. The chairman will direct the visitor to the appropriate means for Board consideration and disposition of legitimate complaints involving individuals.

END OF POLICY

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. Sections 12101-12213; 29 CFR Part 1630 (2000); 28 CFR Part 35 (2000).