

Public Participation in Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees encourages all citizens of the District to express their ideas and concerns. The comments of the community will be given careful consideration. In the evaluation of such comments, first priority will be District students and their educational program.

NOTICE

DUE TO THEIR SENSITIVE NATURE, COMMENTS OR COMPLAINTS ABOUT PERSONNEL OR INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS WILL ONLY BE HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. Idaho Code § 74-206 1(a, b, d).

“A PERSON WHO DISRUPTS THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS OR WHOSE PRESENCE IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE MORALS, HEALTH, SAFETY, ACADEMIC LEARNING OR DISCIPLINE OF THE PUPILS OR WHO LOITERS IN SCHOOLHOUSES OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.” Idaho Code § 33-512 (11).

Any complaint about the District, including instruction, discipline, District personnel policy, procedure or curriculum, should be referred through proper administrative channels before it is presented to the board for consideration and action. All complaints should be resolved through proper channels in the following order:

1. Teacher or Staff
2. Principal or Supervisor
3. Director or Administrator
4. Superintendent
5. Board of Trustees

Please also see District Policy No. 4110 regarding public complaints.

Patron Input Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees to encourage reasonable comments from responsible members of the community concerning items before the Board.

During Regular Board Meeting:

Consequently, the Board provides for “Public Input” in its agenda. Patrons are required to sign up prior to start of the regular meeting and will be recognized by the Chairman of the Board. Upon recognition, the patron is asked to stand, identify him/her and the topic to be discussed. The Chairman of the Board may elicit comments from the audience at other times during the meeting as well. The procedure for addressing the Board remains

the same. Only the Chairman can recognize individuals in the audience and he/she is solely responsible for managing the presentation.

Public participation will be limited to the time allotted on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. All speakers will be allowed to speak at least once before a speaker is allowed to address the board a second time. Should a large number of the public wish to speak on the same issue or topic, members of the public are encouraged to select a representative(s) to summarize their position. Additionally, the Board Clerk will accept written comments during public input for distribution to the Board.

Because of the diversity of issues, members of the Board will not respond to public comment. Instead, issues may be recorded and referred to the proper staff person for follow-up. The Chairman may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, repetitive, or irrelevant. The Board of Trustees as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

If a special meeting has been held to obtain public comment on a specific issue, the Chairman of the Board may not recognize speakers wishing to comment on the same topic at a regular meeting of the Board.

Prior to Regular Board Meeting:

Written materials for Board Members must be submitted to the Board Clerk. The written material must include the name, address and telephone number of the person submitting it. A copy of the materials that meet these requirements will be forwarded to Board Members if received by noon the Thursday preceding the Board Meeting. Materials should not be sent directly to Board Members. Materials may be presented or mailed to the Board Clerk at the Salmon School District Office.

If a topic is being considered by a committee established for that purpose, the Chairman may refer the public comment to that committee.

Cross Reference: 1510 School Board Meeting Procedure
 4110 Public Complaints
 4120 Uniform Grievance Procedure
 4320 Disruption of School Operations

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-512 (11)
 I.C. § 74-206 1(a-j)

Policy History

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