BOARD MEETINGS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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Limit on Participation

Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to the public comment portion of the meeting designated for that purpose. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer.

Public Comment

At all regular meetings, special called meetings, and workshops, the Board shall allot time at the beginning of each meeting to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee at the District central administration offices no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. If the speaker will require a translator, the speaker shall notify the District at the time he or she signs up, if not before.

No presentation shall exceed three minutes, unless the speaker is a non-English speaker who requires a translator, in which case the speaker may have up to six minutes to present to the Board. No speaker during public comment shall be permitted to criticize specific individuals, or to bring information to the Board that is more properly presented administratively.

Board's Response

Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

Complaints and Concerns

The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether an individual addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the individual shall be referred to the appropriate policy to seek resolution:

Employee complaints: DGBA

Student or parent complaints: FNG

Public complaints: GF

Disruption

The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If, after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any individual continues to disrupt the meeting by his or her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the individual removed from the meeting.

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