

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the board will provide a period during which visitors may make formal presentations provided they have followed the procedures for this policy.

Individuals wishing to be heard by the board shall first be recognized by the president. Individuals, after identifying themselves, will proceed with their comments. The president may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant. The board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

Any representative of a firm eligible to bid on materials or services solicited by the board shall also be entitled to express an opinion.

Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting should contact the superintendent's office no later than three days before a regular meeting and as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so that arrangements for the modification can be made.

Legal References: RCW 42.30.030 Meetings declared open and public
 RCW 42.30.050 Interruptions — Procedures

 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act



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