

**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 at the beginning of the meeting during which visitors may make formal presentations. Such presentations should be scheduled in advance.

The Board of Directors will place on its agenda, matters presented for its consideration at least five (5) business days before a scheduled Board meeting, and urges members of the community wishing to present a matter to meet this schedule in order to allow time for consideration and study.

The Board will also allow individuals to express an opinion prior to Board action on agenda items the Board determines require or will benefit from public comment. Written and oral comment will be accepted by the Board before the adoption or amendment of policies not expressly or by implication authorized by state or federal law, but which will promote the education of prekindergarten through twelfth grade students in public schools or will promote the effective, efficient or safe management and operation of the District. Individuals wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the chair. Individuals, after identifying themselves by name and residence address, will proceed to make comments as briefly as the subject permits. Students wishing to speak to the Board may choose to identify themselves by name and school attended. Any representative of a firm eligible to bid on materials or services solicited by the Board shall also be entitled to express an opinion. The chair 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.

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 arrangements for the modification can be made.



<i>LEGAL REFERENCES</i>	<i>RCW 42.30.030</i>	<i>Meetings declared open and public</i>
	<i>RCW 42.30.050</i>	<i>Interruptions – Procedures</i>
	<i>42 USC §§ 12101-12213</i>	<i>Americans with Disabilities Act</i>



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