

**BCBI PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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The general public shall be invited to participate in all board meetings, except executive sessions.

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Any patrons wishing to speak to the board shall first notify the superintendent and state the reason(s) for the request. The superintendent shall determine whether said request can be solved by the staff without appearance of the patron before the board. If not, the superintendent shall place the patron's request on the agenda of the next regular board meeting.

At each meeting of the board, the president or the presiding officer of the board shall welcome all visitors to the board meeting.

The board president may, at his/her discretion, ask those patrons attending the board meeting if any of them have something to bring to the attention of the board. The board president may impose a limit on the amount of time a visitor may have to address the board. The board president, at his/her discretion to utilize board time wisely, may ask groups with the same special interest to appoint a spokesperson.

If it appears that the matter which the visitor wished the board to consider will consume an amount of time the board feels cannot be spared at said meeting, the board shall invite such visitor to return at the next regular meeting of the board; or if the matter is of great importance, the board shall schedule a special meeting or special hearing for the matters to be presented to the board.

**Handling of Complaints (Cf. KN)**

Individuals or groups often confront a single board member with issues which usually should be handled by a school administrator.

In carrying out the policy for handling complaints, the board will observe the following procedures:

Neither the board as a whole nor any individual member of the board will entertain or consider complaints from teachers, parents or patrons until the complaints have first been referred to the appropriate principal and/or superintendent.

Only in those cases where satisfactory adjustment cannot be made by a principal or the superintendent, shall the superintendent refer communications and complaints to the board.

Any board member shall have the right to request that a patron's complaint be placed on the agenda without prior consent of the board president or the superintendent. It should be noted, however, as a matter of courtesy, that such request should be brought to the attention of the board president and the superintendent prior to the appropriate board meeting.

After hearing evidence submitted by the superintendent in such event, the board may, if it seems advisable, grant a hearing to the parties interested. Such hearings will be held during a regular or special session of the board.

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