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Public Participation in Board Meetings

During each school board meeting, the agenda has been set to include an item titled “public comment.” It is during this portion of the agenda the public can comment on any item that is or is not on the agenda.

Because of the nature of the board’s work, it is typical that the board will hear from a patron. Public participation is a time for the board to listen, not a time for discussion or responding to questions, as the board needs adequate time to process the information received to ensure proper steps are taken going forward. The Board may direct questions to district administrative staff to respond to after the meeting. If input is given related to an action item later in the agenda, the board will use the input during their discussion or deliberation of that specific item.

The board cannot hear complaints about specific school personnel during an open meeting. If a patron has a specific complaint against district personnel, the board chair or the superintendent can direct the patron to the appropriate complaint process governed by board policy.

If you wish to address the board, please fill out the request for public comment form available outside the board room. If the meeting has started and you decide you would like to provide public comment, please alert the administrator who was the greeter or the board secretary with your request by simply handing them the public participation form. This will be directed to the board chair.

Thank you for taking an interest in student education.