

PUBLIC COMMENT

The board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and school district business 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 members of the public may comment on items not on the agenda.

The board will also allow individuals to express an opinion prior to board action on agenda items that the board determines will benefit from public comment. Written and oral comment will be accepted. Individuals wishing to be heard by the board must first be recognized by the president and identify themselves. Comments must be made within the time limits established by the board. The president may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, irrelevant or otherwise inappropriate. The board as a whole has the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

Interruptions

In the event that any meeting is interrupted by an individual or group of persons such that orderly conduct of business is not feasible, the board may order the removal of the persons who are interrupting the meeting. In the event that removal of an individual or group will not restore order, the members of the board may direct that the meeting room be cleared. They may continue in session or may adjourn the meeting and reconvene at another location selected by majority vote of the members. In such a session, final disposition may be taken only on matters appearing on the agenda.

Representatives of the press or other news media, except those participating in the disturbance, will be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this section. The board may establish procedures for readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for disturbing the orderly conduct of the meeting.

Cross Reference:	Board Policy	1310	Policy adoption, Policy Manual, and Administrative Procedures
		1400	Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum
Legal References:	RCW	42.30.030	Meetings declared open and public
		42.30.050	Interruptions - Procedures
		42 U.S.C. 12101 – 12213	Americans with Disabilities Act