

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 each meeting in which visitors may make formal presentations. Such presentations should be scheduled in advance.

Individuals or groups who desire Board action relating to a special problem or who make a complaint shall submit such problem or complaint in writing to the Chair, with a copy to the Superintendent, seventy-two (72) hours prior to a Board meeting.

The Board may also allow individuals to express an opinion prior to Board action on agenda items which the Board determines may 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 kindergarten through twelfth grade students in public schools or will promote the effective, efficient, or safe management and operation of the NWESD 189. Individuals wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the Chair. Individuals, after identifying themselves, will proceed to make comments as briefly as the subject permits. 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 (3) 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.

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