Administrative Regulation

Public Comments during Board of Education Meeting

In accordance with Board Policy 8120, all persons wishing to address the Board of Education during a Closed Session, Study Session, Regular Board Meeting, or Public Hearing must complete a "Request to Address the Board" card available at the guest registration desk identified at all Board meetings. The completed card, including the specific topic, must be submitted by the intended speaker to the superintendent or designee prior to the start time of the meeting.

Cards may not be submitted by proxy. The intended speaker must present the card on his/her own behalf and must be present in the boardroom prior to 7:00 p.m. Speakers may only present topics on their own behalf/representing their own opinions or beliefs. Therefore, speakers may not play audio or video recordings depicting the public comments, speeches or statements of another individual. Speech generating devices may be used by any individuals with a severe speech impairment to meet their functional speaking needs.

Public comments for the closed session or public hearing portions of the Board meeting must relate to the topics being discussed as stated on the agenda. Public comments for the public comment section of the Board meeting may be on any topic within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

Visitors who bring flags, signage, placards, posters, banners and/or other similar objects may be directed to the back of the meeting room to ensure visibility is not disrupted and to create a safe and orderly environment for the meeting.

Ref: EC Sections 35020, 35035, 35145, 35145.5, 35161 Government Code Sections 54950-54962

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