

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BAYFIELD

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

All Board of Education meetings shall be open to the public, except executive sessions. While the public has the right to attend Board meetings, no individuals or groups have the right to enter into the deliberations of the Board. They may take part in the discussion only when the Board invites them to do so.

The Board shall provide an opportunity to hear from residents of the school district. A three minute time allocation will be provided unless a Board member requests the time allocation be waived. The Board shall not discuss a subject when it has not been specifically identified on the published Board agenda. Should a subject, not specifically noticed on the agenda come up at a meeting, the Board will refrain from discussion or from taking any action. Such items may be referred in writing to the Board President or District Administrator for consideration and inclusion as an agenda item at a future Board meeting.

Residents of the district who have a specific concern about a staff member or other administrative or policy issue shall follow administrative procedures before submitting their concern to the Board. Citizens making defamatory statements at the Board meeting may be subject to suit for defamation. The Board President has the authority to end the individuals presentation if the such statements occur.

The Board vests in its President, or other presiding officer, authority to recognize all speakers and maintain proper order at Board meetings. Each speaker should receive recognition from the presiding officer and then state his/her name, and verify they are a resident of the district. The presiding officer may limit the time an individual may speak. Visitors who create disturbances will be requested to leave the meeting.

The Annual meeting gives the public opportunity to conduct the meeting whereas the purpose of a regular Board meeting is to allow the Board to conduct the business of the Board and the affairs of the District.

CROSS REF: 171.1 Public Notification of Board Meetings
171.2 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
187 Exhibit – Citizen Comments

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