

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
AT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

**POLICY**

All regular, special and emergency meetings of the Board of Education shall be open to the public.

The Board wishes to hear the viewpoints of citizens and considers the responsible presentation of these viewpoints vital to the efficient operation of the school system. The Board also recognizes its responsibility for the proper governance of the schools and the need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner. The Board, therefore, directs the Superintendent to establish procedures providing for limited participation at Regular Meetings of the Board of Education for the citizens of this District

REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §5-118

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**PROCEDURES**

Members of the public shall be allowed to attend all meetings of the Board of Education. Members of the public shall not be allowed to attend Executive Sessions of the Board of Education.

In addition, the Board of Education will have an item on every Regular Meeting agenda that affords citizens the right to speak on any item appearing on the agenda. The item will appear prior to any business being conducted by the Board of Education. Public comments will not be heard at Special or Emergency Meetings of the Board.

Any individual wishing to address the Board on any item appearing on the agenda shall sign in with the Board Clerk no later than five minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting. The President of the Board will then acknowledge only those individuals whose names are listed to address the Board concerning any item appearing on the Board agenda.

Statements to the Board by members of the public are limited to five minutes each. Collectively, no more than a total of 30 minutes will be allowed for comments on the same subject.

The President serving as spokesperson of the Board will make limited response to questions or refer them to the appropriate staff members to answer. Questions requiring investigation will be referred to the appropriate administrator.

The Board will not hear complaints until such complaints have reached the Board through the procedures provided for in the Public Concerns and Complaints Policy (GEN-21).