



## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

The board is also committed to conducting its meetings in a productive and efficient manner that assures that the regular agenda of the Board is completed in a reasonable period of time, honors the voluntary nature of the Board's time and using that time efficiently, and allows for a fair and adequate opportunity for input to be considered. Consequently, public participation at Board meetings will be governed by the following principles.

Any person or group wishing to place an item on the agenda shall register their intent with the Superintendent no later than three (3) days prior to the meeting and include:

- A. name and address of the participant;
- B. group affiliation, if and when appropriate;
- C. topic to be addressed.

Such requests shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent and the Board President.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at those public meetings of the Board during which action may be taken and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business.
- B. Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the public portion of a meeting.
- C. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and may be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- D. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes duration, unless extended by the presiding officer.
- E. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- F. Tape or video recordings are permitted. The person operating the recorder should contact the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting to review possible placement of the equipment, and must agree to abide by the following conditions:

- a. no obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
- b. no interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
- c. no commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience while the Board is in session and not disrupt the meeting.

G. The presiding officer may:

- a. prohibit public comments that are frivolous, repetitive, and/or harassing;
- b. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, off-topic, antagonistic, obscene, or irrelevant;
- c. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
- d. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
- e. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
- f. waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.

H. The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board.

### **PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

Any person or group, having a legitimate interest in the operations of the District shall have the right to present a request, suggestion, or complaint concerning District personnel, the program, or the operations of the District. At the same time, the Board of Education has a duty to protect its staff from unnecessary harassment. It is the intent of this policy to provide the means for judging each public complaint in a fair and impartial manner and to seek a remedy where appropriate.

It is the desire of the Board to rectify any misunderstandings between the public and the District by direct discussions of an informal type among the interested parties. It is only when such informal meetings fail to resolve the differences, shall more formal procedures be employed.

Any requests, suggestions, or complaints reaching the Board, Board members, and the administration shall be referred to the Superintendent for consideration according to the procedures outlined in Policy 9130.

**19-19:**

It is recommended that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2019 be approved as read.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Bruns                      \_\_\_\_\_ Moeller                      \_\_\_\_\_ Moorman  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pohlman                      \_\_\_\_\_ Rose

**19-20:**

It is recommended that the Treasurer’s Report be approved as presented by Mrs. Cramer.

**Exhibit #1**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Bruns                      \_\_\_\_\_ Moeller                      \_\_\_\_\_ Moorman  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pohlman                      \_\_\_\_\_ Rose

**19-21:**

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve changes to the Permanent Appropriations, Certificate of Estimated Resources and Activity Budget. **Exhibit 2B1 & 2B2**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Bruns                      \_\_\_\_\_ Moeller                      \_\_\_\_\_ Moorman  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pohlman                      \_\_\_\_\_ Rose

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Following are recommendations that have been identified for approval as part of the consent agenda for the Regular Meeting. If a member of the Board would wish to remove any item(s) from this agenda for further discussion prior to taking action, please let either the Superintendent or Board president know.

1. Move to approve the retirement of Jean Smith as a Teacher effective May 31, 2019.
2. Move to approve Jacob Kleinhenz as a volunteer for the baseball program.
3. Move to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to the Ft. Wayne Zoo in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on May 8, 2019.
4. Move to approve the Drama Club fund raiser.
5. Move to approve the Tri Star Advisory Councils’ referral to purchase a virtual welder at a cost of \$12,000. Payment will come from the Reserve Capital Fund.
6. Move to approve the Open Enrollment Policy. **Exhibit on Table**

