

Board meetings are conducted for the purpose of carrying on the official business of the school district. The public is cordially invited to attend board meetings to observe the Board as it conducts its official business.

The Board of Education, as an elected representative body of the school district, also wishes to provide a forum for citizens to express interests and concerns related to the school district. To provide an opportunity for input while conducting an orderly meeting, individuals or groups may be heard by the Board in accordance with this policy which addresses public hearings.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Each month, a part of at least one regularly scheduled board meeting will be set aside for citizens to address the Board through public comment. A sign-up sheet will be available for any individual or group to indicate their desire to address the Board. The Board will decide the time devoted to public comments. The superintendent shall develop additional procedures to ensure that public comment sessions proceed in an efficient and orderly manner.

Board members will not respond to individuals who address the Board except to request clarification of points made by the presenter.

Except in cases of emergency, information received during presentations will not be acted upon at the time it is received. It will take a two-thirds majority vote of the board members present to take action on a presentation considered to be of an unusual or emergency nature at the time it is presented.

Disruptions of a public meeting by any person or persons will be subject to action in accordance with G.S. 143-318.17.

If the Board does not hold a regular meeting during a month, the Board may, but is not required to provide a time for public comment at any other meeting held during that month unless a majority of the Board votes to allow public comment at the meeting or unless the purpose of the meeting is a public hearing.

### **REPORTS OF COMPLAINTS**

Complaints about the performance of school personnel, implementation of board policy, the quality of the educational program, or school facilities should be submitted initially for a response to the school district official responsible for the program/facility or to the superintendent. The superintendent or designee will make available this policy and other relevant grievance procedures to any individual or group submitting a complaint.

Legal References: ~~G.S. 143-318.10 and 318.17; 115C-36 and 51.~~

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