

## Salmon River Joint School District No. 243

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1521

#### Public Participation in Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings.

Individuals wishing to be heard by the Board shall sign up with the Clerk of the Board, following these guidelines, prior to the start of the Board meeting:

- comments to agenda items only; and
- at the discretion of the Chairman, time may be limited to 3-5 minutes.

People who wish to speak shall be subject to permission received from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees or designee.

The Chairman or designee may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, repetitive, or irrelevant. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

Individuals who wish to address the Board must also notify the Superintendent, in writing, of the request. The request must include the reason for the appearance. Citizens wishing to make brief comments about school programs or procedures or items on the agenda need not request placement on the agenda, and must follow the procedure established for public input at Board meetings.

Any complaint about the District, including instruction, discipline, District personnel policy, procedure or curriculum, should be referred through proper administrative channels before it is presented to the board for consideration and action. All complaints should be resolved through proper channels in the following order:

1. Teacher or Staff
2. Principal or Supervisor
3. Director or Administrator
4. Superintendent
5. Board of Trustees

Due to their sensitive nature, comments or complaints about personnel or individual students will only be heard in executive session. Idaho Code § 67-2345

“A person who disrupts the educational process or whose presence is detrimental to the morals, health, safety, academic learning or discipline of the pupils or who loiters in school houses or on school grounds, is guilty of a misdemeanor.” . Idaho Code § 33-512 (11).

Because of the diversity of issues, members of the Board will not respond to public comment. Instead, issues may be recorded and referred to the proper staff person for follow-up. The Chairman may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, repetitive, or irrelevant. The Board of Trustees as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

Cross Reference:     1521F Request to Appear Before the Board  
                          4110 Public Complaints  
                          4120 Uniform Grievance Procedure  
                          4320 Disruption of School Operations

Legal Reference:     I.C. § 33-512 (11)  
                          I.C. § 67-2345

Policy History

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