

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board will provide a period at the beginning of the meeting during which visitors may make comment on items not on the agenda.

The Board will also allow individuals to express an opinion on agenda items during such discussion. Individuals wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the Chair. Individuals, after identifying themselves, will proceed to make comments as briefly as the subject permits. Any representative of a firm eligible to bid on materials or services solicited by the Board shall also be entitled to express an opinion. The Chair may interrupt to terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings. The Board may also set time limits on such public comment.

Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting should contact the superintendent's office no later than three days before a regular meeting and as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so that arrangements for the modification can be made.

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Legal References:	RCW	42.30.030	Meetings declared open and public
		42.30.050	Interruptions—Procedures
		§§ 12101-12213	Americans with Disabilities Act

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