Audience Participation Procedure

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 permit public participation through oral or written comments during the "public comment" section of the Board agenda and prior to a final decision on a matter of significant interest to the public. The Board President may control such comment to ensure an orderly progression of the meeting. Such presentations should be scheduled in advance. The procedure outlines the rules and requirements for members of the public wishing to speak at a regular Board meeting or public hearing as follows:

- Individuals wishing to present to the Board must present a written request to the District office no later than one week prior to the regular scheduled monthly Board meeting.
- Contact information including name, address, phone number and email address are requested.
- The Board will hear from the public during the "public comment" section of the regular Board meeting agenda.
- A maximum of twenty (20) speakers will be heard; each speaker can speak for not more than two (2) minutes.
- A 'Present to the Board' request form must be completed (see attached form)
- A written summary of remarks is requested

The Orient School Board President and Superintendent will review public requests to be included on regular Board meeting agendas.

Policy Cross References

3210 Nondiscrimination

Policy Legal References

RCW 42.30.030 Meetings declared open and public
RCW 42.30.50 Interruptions
Procedures 42.U.S.C. 12101-12213- Americans with Disabilities Act

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