

Rules for Public Participation at Board Meetings

In accordance with Board policy BEDH, the Board shall abide by the following rules and procedures for public participation during the public comment portion of each Board meeting. In order to allow interested citizens throughout the district to give input to the Board, and at the same time allow the Board to conduct business in an orderly and efficient manner, the following rules shall be observed:

1. Formal presentations to the Board shall be arranged in advance with the office of the Superintendent. Such presentations shall be scheduled on the agenda, rather than being introduced during the public comment session, and may not be more than fifteen minutes in length.
2. Comments by the public should be brief and in-person. The presiding officer at any meeting shall inform the speaker at the end of three minutes that his/her time for speaking has expired. At the conclusion of three minutes, the floor shall be yielded to another speaker. A speaker may not yield his/her time to another speaker.
3. Speakers are urged to present their comments in writing to the Board, providing sufficient copies for all Board members, the superintendent, and all media representatives present. The written comments will then become a permanent part of the record of the meeting.
4. The public comments portion of the meeting is typically 30 minutes unless the presiding officer chooses to modify the time. The presiding officer shall terminate the public comments session if it becomes apparent that the comments being made are redundant and/or not productive to the functioning of the Board.
5. If a member of the public is unable to participate in-person, they may submit written or electronic correspondence to the Board in accordance with policy BL.

Delta County School District 50J

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