

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1520

Public Participation in Board Meeting

The Board of Directors encourages all stakeholders of the Charter School to express their ideas and concerns. The comments of the community will be given careful consideration. In the evaluation of such comments, first priority will be Charter School students and their educational program.

NOTICE

“AN EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE HELD... TO HEAR COMPLAINTS OR CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST A PUBLIC OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, STAFF MEMBER, OR INDIVIDUAL AGENT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT.” 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 SCHOOLHOUSES OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.” Idaho Code § 33-512 (11).

Any complaint about the Charter School, including instruction, discipline, Charter School 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. Supervisor, if applicable;
3. Director or administrator;
4. Principal;
5. Board of Directors.

Please also see Policy 4110 Public Complaints regarding public complaints.

At each Regular and Special meeting of the Board the agenda will provide time for public comment before the Board. Persons wishing to address the Board will be required to submit Form 1520F Request to Appear Before the Board. Forms are available from the Board Secretary and will be available at each meeting.

Total time allotted for public comment will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Public participation will be limited to the time allotted on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. All speakers will be allowed to speak at least once before a speaker is allowed to address the Board a second time. Public comment will be taken from the public on matters

scheduled on the agenda. Should a large number of the public wish to speak on the same issue or topic, members of the public are encouraged to select a representative(s) to summarize their position. Additionally, the Board Secretary will accept written comments for distribution to the Board.

Written materials for Directors must be submitted to the Board Secretary. The written material must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting it. A copy of the materials that meet these requirements will be forwarded to Board Members if received by noon the Friday preceding the Board Meeting. Materials should not be sent directly to Directors. Materials may be left at the school office for the Board Secretary.

If a topic is being considered by a committee established for that purpose, the Chair may refer the public comment to that committee.

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

If a special meeting has been held to obtain public comment on a specific issue, the Chair of the Board may elect not to recognize speakers wishing to comment on the same topic at a regular meeting of the Board.

Cross Reference: 4110 Public Complaints
 4120 Uniform Grievance Procedure
 4320 Disruption of School Operations

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-512 (11) Governance of Schools
 I.C. § 67-2345 Executive Sessions—When Authorized

Policy History

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