



BP 2345 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

References:

ORS 192.630
ORS 192.670
BP 2350 Speakers

There will be a time at each regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting for the general public to address the Board of Education in person regarding items not on the agenda. Oral testimony may also be submitted by telephone, video, or other electronic or virtual means when it is reasonably possible for the Board to provide these options.

Members of the public also may submit written communications, including by email or other electronic means, to the Board of Education on items on the agenda or speak to agenda items at the Board of Education meeting. Written communication regarding items on the Board of Education's agenda should reach the office of the President not later than 5 working days prior to the meeting at which the matter concerned is to be before the Board of Education so that the Board is able to consider the submitted testimony in a timely manner. All such written communications shall be dated and signed by the author, and shall contain the residence or business address of the author and the author's organizational affiliation.

Members of the public also may submit items in writing for consideration to be added to an agenda. Written communication regarding new items on the Board of Education's agenda should reach the office of the President not later than 10 working days prior to the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting. All such written communications shall be dated and signed by the author, and shall contain the residence or business address of the author and the author's organizational affiliation.

Individuals with hearing, vision or speech impairments will be given an equal opportunity to participate in Board meetings. Primary consideration will be given to requests of qualified persons with disabilities in selecting appropriate auxiliary aids and services. All requests must be made with appropriate advance notice. Should the Board demonstrate that such requests would result in alteration in the service, program or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens, alternative, equally effective means of communication will be used. Auxiliary aids include, but are not limited to, such services and devices as qualified interpreters, assistive systems, note takers, readers, taped texts, materials in braille and large print.

Claims for damages are not considered communications to the Board of Education under this policy but shall be submitted to the Office of the President.

The Board may exclude from any such public or private meeting, during the examination of a witness, any or all other witness(s) in the matter being investigated.

END OF POLICY

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