

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS/FILLING VACANCIES/O.S.B.A. MEMBERSHIP

Public Attendance at Board Meetings

Board meetings are held for the purpose of conducting the business of the District and therefore are not public meetings, but rather, meetings held in public. All Board meetings are open to the public. Closed, executive sessions may be held during a meeting for discussion of personnel matters, litigation, negotiations, security, and real estate transactions, but all official action must be taken in public (Section 121.22 Ohio Revised Code).

1. Any individual desiring to speak shall give his/her name, address, and group, if any, represented.
2. Questions or concerns are to be directed to the Board as a whole and may not be put to any individual member of the Board or the staff.
3. Members of the Board may interrupt a speaker with questions or comments at any time, but only in order to clarify the discussion.
4. Not more than three minutes may be allotted to each speaker unless they have been placed on the agenda, and no more than thirty minutes to each subject under discussion, except with unanimous consent of the Board.
5. No person shall present orally or discuss at any meeting of the Board complaints against an individual employee of the District. The Board will refer such charges or complaints to appear before the Board in executive session.
6. A person appearing before the Board shall not be permitted to discuss any motion pending before the Board except when the Board shall vote unanimously to hear such a discussion.
7. No person less than eighteen years of age may address the Board unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or teacher, except with unanimous consent of the Board.
8. Recognition of individuals who are not citizens of the District must be approved by a majority vote of the Board.
9. The Board shall not be obligated to consider or act upon the problem or request of a speaker unless it has been included on the agenda presented to the Board three days prior to the meeting.
10. Since students and their records are granted confidentiality under the law, no student may be discussed by any one other than their parent, guardian, or teacher.

The Board grants its president authority to terminate remarks of any individual when they do not adhere to the rules above. In extreme cases of disregard for the rules, the offender will be asked to leave and the meeting recessed until the offender has left.

Filling Vacancies

Any vacancies shall be filled by the Board at its next regular or special meeting, not earlier than ten days after such vacancy occurs. A majority vote of all the remaining members of the Board may fill any such vacancy for the unexpired term. See Revised Code 3313.11.

Ohio School Boards Association

The Board maintains membership in the Ohio School Boards Association. The Board supports a policy of active membership in such organizations in order to promote education in the best interest of all Ohio school age children. The Board also supports O.S.B.A. efforts to provide in-service opportunities for Board members.

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