OSBA Model Sample Policy

Code: BDDH-AR

Revised/Reviewed:

Public Comment at Board Meetings

The Board requests that a public comment add information or a perspective that has not already been mentioned previously, and that the patron refrains from repeating a similar point.

To provide public comment in person, if the opportunity is available on the Board agenda, please [sign in on the public comment sheet provided] [complete and submit the Intent to Speak card to the Board secretary] [do so as directed] prior to the meeting. Those attending virtually and want to provide public comment should notify the [Board secretary] [by submitting an email to [boardsecretary@district. k12.or.us]] [as directed] ]prior to the start of the meeting.

[A person speaking during the public comment portion of the meeting may [comment on a topic not on the published agenda] [comment only on agenda items].] A person providing public comment will be allowed [three] minutes. Signing up to provide public comment does not guarantee time will be available.

Any person, who is allowed to speak to the Board during a meeting, should state their name[, whether they are a resident of the district] and, if speaking for an organization, the name of the organization. A spokesperson should be designated to represent a group with a common purpose.

Comments about a specific employee or group of employees should comply with Board policy BDDH - Public Comment at Board Meetings:

“A person speaking during the designated portion of the agenda for public comment may offer objective criticism of district operations and programs. The Board will not hear comments regarding any individual district staff member. The Board chair will direct the visitor to the [procedures in Board policy KL - Public Complaints] [published complaint procedures] for consideration of a legitimate complaint involving a staff member. [Any association contract governing the employee’s rights will be followed.] A commendation involving a staff member should be sent to the superintendent[, who will forward it to the [employee, a supervisor and the Board]].”

***See form on reverse***

**Intent to Speak**

The Board welcomes input. To provide in-person public comment please submit this completed card to the [Board secretary] prior the start of the meeting.

Name: Phone:

Name of organization (if applicable):

Address:

Email (optional):

Topic or comment to be presented (brief description):

A complaint brought before the Board shall be referred to the proper school authorities. A complaint shall be processed in accordance with [Board policy KL - Public Complaints and KL-AR - Public Complaints Procedure] [published complaint procedures]. A hearing conducted by the Board regarding personnel may take place in an executive session.

**The Board requests that a topic or comment is limited to [three] minutes or less.**