Pendleton School District 16R

Code: **KL** Adopted:

Public Complaints

Board members recognize that complaints about schools will be voiced by employees, students and patrons from time-to-time. When such complaints are made to a Board members, he/she shall refer the person making the complaint to the appropriate administrator. A Board member shall not attempt to consider such complaints in any official capacity acting as an individual Board member.

Although no community member will be denied the right to petition the Board for redress of a grievance, complaints will be referred through the proper administrative channels for solution before investigation or action by the Board. Exceptions are complaints that concern Board actions or Board operations.

The Board advises the public that the proper channeling of complaints involving instruction, discipline, or learning materials or nonacademic activities is:

- 1. Teacher/Coach;
- 2. Principal/Athletic Director;
- 3. Superintendent/Assistant;
- 4. Board.

Any complaint about district personnel will be investigated by the administration before consideration and action by the Board.

The administration is authorized to develop procedures consistent with applicable provisions of the employee's group labor agreement that ensure the responsible consideration of public complaints concerning: district personnel and curriculum instruction/library materials.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

<u>ORS 192</u>.610 - 192.690 <u>OAR 581-022</u>-1940 <u>ORS 332</u>.107 <u>OAR 581-022</u>-1941

Anderson v. Central Point Sch. Dist., 746 F.2d 505 (9th Cir. 1984). Connick v. Myers, 461 U.S. 138 (1983).

Cross Reference(s):

GBNAA/JFCFA - Cyberbullying JFCFA/GBNAA - Cyberbullying IIA - Instructional Materials