

LINDSAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT FOR INTRODUCING THE PUBLIC COMMENTS SEGMENT OF A BOARD MEETING

The Board encourages comments from citizens of the District or from District employees. Any person wishing to address the Board during the period reserved for public comment at a regular Board meeting must sign up in advance to be heard, in accordance with District policy BED(LOCAL). Anyone wishing to speak, either as an individual or as a representative of a group, may do so at this time. Public comments should be limited to topics relevant to District business.

Under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Board is not permitted to discuss or act upon any issues that are not posted on the agenda for the meeting. If an issue mentioned is listed on the current agenda, the Board will defer discussion of the issue until the appropriate time during the meeting.

At meetings other than regular Board meetings, public comments are limited to items on the posted meeting notice and agenda.

In addition, the Board has adopted complaint policies that are designed to secure, at the lowest administrative level, a prompt and equitable resolution of complaints and concerns. Complaints brought by students or their parents may be heard in accordance with policies FNG(LEGAL) and FNG(LOCAL); by employees, in accordance with policies DGBA(LEGAL) and DGBA(LOCAL); and, by citizens, in accordance with policies GF(LEGAL) and GF(LOCAL). Each of these processes provides that, if a resolution cannot be achieved administratively, the person may appeal the administrative decision to the Board as a properly posted agenda item.

"Copies of our District policies on public participation in meetings and filing complaints are available on our website or in the Superintendent's office."

[Note: This text is based on provisions typically found in policy BED(LOCAL).]

LINDSAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION SIGN-UP SHEET

Any person wishing to address the Board during the period reserved for public comment at a Board meeting must sign up to be heard, in accordance with District policy BED(LOCAL):

1. Each participant will be limited to five (5) minutes to make comments to the Board.
2. Any group of five or more persons must appoint one person to present the group's views to the Board.
3. The Board is not permitted to discuss or act upon any issues that are not posted on the agenda for tonight's meeting. The Board has adopted complaint policies that are designed to secure, at the lowest possible administrative level, a prompt and equitable resolution of complaints and concerns. Each of these processes provides that, if a resolution cannot be achieved administratively, the person may appeal the administrative decision to the Board as a properly posted agenda item. For further information on those policies, contact the Superintendent.

Please fill in the information requested below if you wish to address the Board during the public comment period for a Non-Agenda Item or prior to discussion of an Agenda Item:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Topic _____

Date of Meeting: _____

***Check one: _____ Agenda Item - (Item #) _____ Non-Agenda Item