

Board of Trustees

Policy 1030

Meetings, public participation, limitations

The trustees recognize the value of public comment on issues and the importance of involving the public in its deliberations. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of comment, the trustees will provide time during which visitors may make formal presentations.

Individuals wishing to address the board and to have their concerns considered for action at any meeting should request that the superintendent place them on the written agenda at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled meeting. The trustees will not consider items for action not on the agenda, except if the issue is determined to be an emergency by motion and majority vote of the trustees.

The board will allow individuals to express an opinion prior to board action on agenda items. Individuals wishing to be heard must first be recognized by the chair and must identify themselves and make comments as briefly as the subject permits. The trustees require that such participants be either residents or employees of the district or the designees of such residents or employees; or a representative of a firm eligible to bid on materials or services solicited by the district.

The chair will act to interrupt or terminate any statements when considered to be too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant. The board as a whole, on request of a member, shall have final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

Any individual may submit written comments speaking to issues before the board and have such comments distributed to all trustees.

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