

**School Board Meeting:**

**July 18, 2022**

**Subject:**

Policy 206 -Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints About Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations

**Presenter:**

**Scott Thielman, Superintendent**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Review only

**DESCRIPTION:**

After consultation with Minnesota school boards, the Minnesota School Boards Association crafted a public comment procedure document to assist school boards with the adaptation of the public comment process set forth in Model Policy 206.

While Minnesota's Open Meeting Law does not require a public comment period during a school board meeting, the BHM school board has elected to provide a public comment period before a regular board meeting, where persons may address the school board subject to the limitations of this procedure.

In addition to the public comment period, individuals may share their views with the school district and the school board in many other ways. These options include written correspondence, telephone calls and meetings.

The school board may decide to hold certain types of public meetings during which the public will not be invited to address the school board on matters of school district operations or interest. Possible examples are work sessions and board retreats. The public will receive notice of these meetings and will be allowed to attend these meetings, but a public comment period will not be provided.

To facilitate public comment and to maintain a forum in which the school board can complete school district business, the school board establishes a public comment procedure. This procedure will be available on the school district website and in the school board meeting room.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- **Revised Policy 206**