

District: Tupelo Public School District
Section: B - School Board Operations
Policy Code: BCAE - Public Hearings

All public hearings conducted by the Board as required by law, and others as the Board deems advisable, shall:

1. Provide due public notice;
2. Make printed information on the topic of the hearing available to the public in advance of the hearing;
3. Give all persons an equal opportunity to be heard.

The President of the Board, or designee, subject to the Board's approval, shall preside at the hearing. The following procedures shall be followed:

1. The public shall be informed at the beginning of the hearing the particular procedure that will be followed in regard to the questions, remarks, rebuttals, and any time limitations or other rules that must be followed to give everyone an opportunity to be heard.
2. The President of the Board shall briefly state the position of the Board. If official action on the issue has not as yet been taken, the **President** ~~president~~ may so state and may summarize briefly the arguments for and against the issue to be decided. Other members of the Board may also be heard at this time.
3. The Secretary of the Board shall **request and** secure the names of all those persons wishing to be heard before the Board. Those desiring to speak shall indicate whether they are for or against the issue involved. Persons not responding to the Secretary's request shall not be heard.
4. Once the speakers for and against the issue have been heard, the President shall indicate that questions pertaining directly to the issue involved may be directed to the Board.
5. Upon a ruling by the President closing the public discussion, the Board may proceed with its deliberations and take whatever action it deems advisable.

The Board may, at any hearing by a majority vote, take the issue under submission and continue the hearing from time to time, but not for a period of more than sixty (60) days from the date of the next regular meeting of the Board.

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Approved/Revised Date: