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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC _____ First Reading of Policy BED (LOCAL) Board Meetings – Public Participation _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Juan Cruz. _____ **OF:** _____ School Attorney _____

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: _____ August 15, 2007 _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve First Reading of Policy BED (LOCAL): Board Meetings – Public Participation

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

LIMIT ON
PARTICIPATION

Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to the public comment portion of the meeting designated for that purpose. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on mailers being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

~~At regular meetings the Board shall allot 15 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board.~~ Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic **board agenda item on the agenda for the present Regular Board meeting** about which they wish to speak.

No presentation shall exceed three persons per subject, nor shall the time per subject exceed ten minutes. Delegations of more than five persons shall appoint one person to present their views before the Board.

BOARD'S
RESPONSE

Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

COMPLAINTS AND
CONCERNS

The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the person shall be referred to the appropriate policy (see list below) to seek resolution:

Employee complaints: DGBA

Student or parent complaints: FNG

Public complaints: SF

DISRUPTION

The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If, after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any person continues to disrupt the meeting by his or her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the person removed from the meeting.