

## **BEDH—Public Participation**

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public.

The Board invites the viewpoints of its citizens, and considers the responsible presentation of these viewpoints vital to the efficient operation of the School. The Board also recognizes its responsibility for the proper governance of the School and therefore the need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner. The Board therefore establishes the following procedures to receive input from citizens of the School:

- Any individual desiring to address the Board shall complete a form (Request to Address Board) and give this form to the Administrator prior to the start of the Board meeting.
- The Board Chairperson shall be responsible for recognizing speakers, maintaining proper order, and adhering to any time limit set. Questions of fact asked by the public shall, when appropriate, be answered by the Chairperson or referred to the Administrator for reply. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the Administrator for later report to the Board. Questions or comments on matters that are currently under legal review will not receive a response.
- If considered necessary, the Chairperson shall set a time limit on the length of the comment period. In order to ensure that each individual has an opportunity to address the Board, the Chairperson may also set a time limit for individual speakers.
- Members of the public may be recognized by the Chairperson to assist the Board with information for the conduct of its official business.
- ***Personal attacks upon Board members, personnel, students, or other persons, whether or not in attendance, by individuals who address the Board will not be tolerated.*** Presenters are cautioned that statements or representations concerning others that convey an unjustly unfavorable impression may subject the presenter to civil action for defamation. Policies KE, KEB, KEC, and KED are provided by the Board for disposition of legitimate complaints, including those involving individuals. Upon conclusion of the open call to the public, individual members of the Board may respond to any criticism made by an individual who has addressed the Board.