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The Board recognizes the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings and the value of public comment to support Board oversight, decision-making, and policy development. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of public comment, except in emergency situations, the Board will provide a period at each regular meeting during which members of the public may address the Board. Further, the Board may schedule special hearings to receive additional public testimony, for topics of special public interest or as required by law.

Written and oral comment will be accepted. Individuals wishing to be heard by the Board shall comply with the rules as described by Board Procedure 1430BP.

Individuals who may need an accommodation to participate in a regular or special Board meeting, including those with disabilities or those requiring language interpretation services, should contact the School Board’s office as soon as possible, and no later than two days before a regular meeting, so that arrangements for the accommodation can be made. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate requests made less than 48 hours in advance of a meeting.

Adopted: June 2011

Revised: December 2022; July 2021 (per Policy No. 1310); July 2020; April 2015; October 2014; March 2012

Cross Reference: Policy Nos. 1400; 1430BP; 6000; 6882

Related Superintendent Procedure:

Previous Policies: E06.00; E06.01

Legal References: RCW 28A.320.015 School boards of directors—Powers—Notice of adoption of policy; RCW 42.30.030 Meetings declared open and public; RCW 42.30.050 Interruptions—Procedures; 42 U.S.C. §§12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

Management Resources: *WSSDA Policy & Legal News*, June 2022; August 2018