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# POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AX01.421

Public Participation in Open Meetings

Public Attendance

The public and the news media are permitted to attend all open meetings of the Board. No person may be required to identify himself in order to attend any such meeting.1

Exception

The chairman may impose conditions upon attendance at a given meeting only if such conditions are required for the maintenance of order.1

**Public Comment Period**

Each regular meeting shall include a public comment period of at least fifteen (15) minutes. Any Board rules and policies regarding conduct during school board meetings shall apply during the public comment period.2

Persons wishing to address the Board must first be recognized by the chairman.

Individuals or groups wishing to make presentations to the Board shall submit a written request to the Superintendent no later than the Tuesday preceding a regular meeting in order to be placed on the agenda. The Board may consider late requests submitted to the secretary or the Board chairperson prior to the meeting. All requests shall indicate the subject of the presentation and the name of the speaker. Speaking Request forms are available in the office of the Superintendent.

Presentations shall be limited to five (5) minutes. The chairperson may grant extension of speaking time. However, the Board reserves the right to limit or terminate discussion on any subject.

Other individuals will be allowed to speak at the end of the meeting upon recognition by the Board chairperson.

Speakers

The chairman may require the name and address of the speaker. The chairman may rule on the relevance of the topic to the Board's agenda. The chairman may also establish time limits for speakers as may be required to maintain order and to ensure the expedient conduct of the Board's business.

Reference:

1KRS 61.840

2KRS 160.270

Related Policies:

01.42; 01.45; 10.2