

# Board Policy

Code No. 214

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

In conducting public hearings required by law, and any other hearings as it deems advisable, the Board of Directors will adhere strictly to any statutory requirements that apply to the specific type of hearing and shall seek to conduct the hearings in a fair, open, and objective manner, giving all persons involved an equal opportunity to be heard.

The President of the Board, or another member at the President's and the Board's approval, will preside at hearings before the Board of Directors.

At the beginning of the proceedings, the attending public will be informed of particular rules that will be followed in regard to questions, remarks, rebuttals, time limitations, or other rules necessary to give everyone an opportunity to be heard.

In conformance with customary hearing procedures, statements and supporting information will be presented first by the Board of Directors, or by others on behalf of the Board of Directors. To address the Board of Directors, citizens must be recognized by the chair, and all remarks must be addressed to the chair and be germane to the topic.

*Legal Reference:* Iowa Code §§ Ch. 21; 26.12; Ch. 24; 279.8, .10; 297.22 (2013).

*Cross Reference:*

210	Meetings of the Board of Education
213	Citizen Participation
601.1	School Calendar
703.1	Budget Planning

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