

Board Policy

Code No. 213

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The board recognizes the importance of citizen participation in school district matters. In order to assure citizens are heard and board meetings are conducted efficiently and in an organized manner, the board will set time aside for citizen participation, either at a specific time during the meeting or during the discussion of agenda items. Citizens wishing to address the board on a certain agenda item must notify the superintendent prior to the board meeting. Citizens wishing to present petitions to the board may do so at this time. However, the board will only receive the petitions and not act upon them or their contents. The board has the discretion to limit the amount of time set aside for public participation.

If the pressure of business or other circumstances dictate, the board president may decide to modify this practice. The board president will recognize individuals to make their comments at the appropriate time. To allow the board meeting to proceed in an orderly process, individuals will be allowed to speak once they are recognized by the board president. If disruptive, the individual causing disruption may be asked to leave the board meeting.

Individuals who have a complaint about employees may bring their complaint to the board only after they have followed board policy addressing citizens' complaints. Students who have a complaint may only bring their complaint to the board after they have followed board policy addressing students' complaints.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 21; 22; 279.8 (2013).

Cross Reference:

205.1	Board Member Liability
210.8	Board Meeting Agenda
214	Public Hearings
309	Communication Channels
401.4	Employee Complaints
402.5	Public Complaints About Employees
502.4	Student Complaints and Grievances

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