

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings. Likewise, the board recognizes its responsibility to conduct the business of the district in an orderly and efficient manner and will, therefore, require reasonable controls to regulate public presentations to the board. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the board will provide a period at the beginning of the meeting during which visitors may make formal presentations. Such presentations should be scheduled in advance with the board secretary by the Thursday preceding the regular Monday board meeting.

The Board will also allow individuals to express an opinion prior to Board action on agenda items. Written and oral comment will be accepted by the Board before the adopting or amending policies not expressly, or by implication, required by state or federal law. Comments that promote the education of kindergarten through twelfth grade students, or will promote the effective, efficient or safe management and operation of the district are encouraged. Individuals wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the chair. After identifying themselves, participants will proceed to make comments as briefly as the subject permits. Any representative of a firm eligible to bid on materials or services solicited by the Board shall also be entitled to express opinions. The Chair may terminate a participants comments when it becomes too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant. The Board as a whole will make the final decision on determining the appropriate of all such rulings.

Individuals with disabilities who may need modification of these guidelines in order to participate in a meeting should contact the Superintendent's office no later than three (3) days before a meeting to arrange the necessary modifications.

Legal References:	RCW 42.30.030	Meeting declared open and public
	RCW 42.30.050	Interruptions-Procedures
	42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213	Americans with Disabilities Act

Grand Coulee Dam School District
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