

Board of Education Meeting  
Public Participation

Board Policy BED

All regular, special and emergency meetings of the Banner Board of Education shall be open to the public.

The Board wishes to hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the district and considers the responsible presentation of these viewpoints vital to the efficient operation of the school system. The board also recognizes its responsibility for the proper governance of the school and the need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner. The board, therefore, directs the superintendent to establish procedures providing for limited participation at school board meetings for the citizens of this district.

The Banner Public School Board of Education policy is to allow patrons the opportunity to address the board pertaining to their concerns. The time for this input is during the time allowed for communications on the agenda. There are, however, a few guidelines that need to be followed when a patron requests to address the board.

1. Patrons are encouraged to address individual problems at the appropriate levels before addressing the board. Patrons should attempt to resolve concerns by communicating directly with the school employees involved.
2. When addressing the Board of Education, patrons should state their name and address when initially addressing the board.
3. The board has initiated a **three-minute time limit** per speaker when addressing the board.
4. Groups of concerned patrons should select a spokesperson to address the board in order not to be repetitive in their address.
5. Patrons should give any handouts to the minutes clerk prior to the meeting.
6. Confidentiality of students should always be maintained. The privacy act protects students from being discussed.
7. Patrons should refrain from personal attacks on staff members.
8. No action shall be taken, or information given, at the meetings where the patron addresses the board. The exception of this rule would be in the case of a student disciplinary hearing when the boards decision must be made public.