

Participation by the Public

Public Input to the Board of Education

1205

The board of education is open to and encourages input on school issues from the public; however, the board of education prefers that individuals or groups with school-related concerns first attempt to resolve these concerns through established administrative channels.

- Level 1. If a patron has a concern relating to a particular school activity or incident, the most logical and expeditious approach to resolving the concern is to visit with the specific individual that may be the source of the concern, whether it be a teacher, administrator, custodian, or other school employee.
- Level 2. If matters cannot be resolved at Level 1 or if there is a broader concern relating to a specific school (elementary or secondary) the patron should discuss the concern with the principal.
- Level 3. If the concern is not resolved at the school level, it should then be brought to the superintendent of schools.
- Level 4. If the concern is not resolved satisfactorily at the superintendent's level, it should then be brought before the board of education by utilizing one of the following approaches:
 - A. Addressing the issue during the Open Forum at a regular monthly board meeting.
 - B. Requesting a formal agenda item by contacting the superintendent of schools or the board president prior to the regular monthly meeting which, unless otherwise announced, is held on the second Monday of every month.
 - C. Submitting the concern in writing. This document can then either be presented at the regular meeting or attached to the board agenda if received in time, and mailed out to each board member prior to the next regular board meeting. Refer to AR-1210, Request to Review Personnel Action.

Possible board responses to formal patron concerns include, but may not be limited to: Directing the superintendent of school to remedy the situation. Tabling the matter for further study. Appointing an ad hoc board committee to further study and/or resolve the matter. Scheduling a special meeting to hear the issue. Not taking any action on the concern. Issues heard during the Open Forum will be taken under advisement and will not be acted upon at that time.

Because of the potential of introducing bias into board hearings on termination cases, complaints on individual employees will only be received by the board of education through the superintendent of schools.

Legal Reference:	§79-526	Board Authority for Supervision and Control.
	§79-825 Through §79-839	Certified Employees, Tenure, Disciplinary Action, Contract Amendment or Termination's, Formal and Informal Hearing.
	§84-1408	Open Meetings Law.

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