

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board embraces its role as a publicly appointed board and welcomes citizens of the district to attend any of its public sessions so they may become better acquainted with the operation and programs of the schools.

In order to assure that citizens who wish to appear before the Board may be heard, and, at the same time, conduct its meetings properly and efficiently, the following procedures have been adopted:

Consistent with SDCL 1-25-1 the official agenda for the Board shall include a public comment section that will follow comments from the Superintendent, respective Board members, and invited student senate members. Any individual seeking to make comment to the Board regarding an item on the agenda or of general interest to the Pierre School district, is asked to make a “request to provide public comment” to the superintendent and Board president prior to the beginning of the meeting. Persons who make such a request will be allowed to speak about the specified topic during the designated portion of the agenda.

The formal agenda for the Board is managed by the sole discretion of the president. Any citizen(s) who desire that the Board take up discussion on a particular issue or seeks Board action on an item, should make a formal request to the superintendent’s office prior to the finalization and dissemination of the agenda. Individuals seeking to make comment on items of interest or action items shall do so during the designated public comment section of the agenda.

Presentations should be brief as possible. Unless an extension of time is granted by the Board president, a speaker will be limited to five minutes. In situations where multiple presenters (4 or more) request an opportunity to provide public comment, no more than three presenters will be allowed to represent their group for both proponent and/or opponent viewpoints to be expressed.

The Board vests in its president or other presiding officer, authority to have remarks stricken from the public record for any individual who does not adhere to the rules established above.

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