

Kimberly School District

Policy # 1441

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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. The Board also recognizes the value of public input prior to making significant decisions affecting the educational process. 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 presentations. The Chair may control such comment to ensure an orderly progression of the meeting and allow for public comment. The Board will also allow individuals to express an opinion prior to Board action on agenda items. Individuals wishing to be heard by the Chair shall first be recognized by the Chair. Individuals, after identifying themselves, will proceed to make comments as briefly as the subject permits. The Chair may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when appropriate, including when statements are out of order, too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings. It is important for all participants to remember that Board meetings are held in public, but are not public meetings. Members of the public shall be recognized and allowed input during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair.

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