

Audience Participation

Hoquiam School Board Policy 1441 recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board will provide a period at the beginning of each meeting for general comments on agenda items under the following conditions:

1. Prior to the Public Comment period, the Board President shall explain its purpose and expectations. Topics that cannot be discussed in a public meeting include personnel matters and student discipline issues.
2. Individuals wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the President. Individuals, after identifying themselves, will proceed to make comments as briefly as the subject permits.
3. The Board reserves the right to limit public comment on any agenda topic.
4. Patrons with complaints are asked to exhaust all remedies with the school's administrator and through the district's chain of command before approaching the Board.
5. The President may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, directed at an employee, abusive, obscene, irrelevant or inconsistent with the policy.
6. The Public Comment period shall follow the Spotlight on Excellence portion of the agenda.

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