



Picayune School District

BCBI – Public Participation at Board Meetings (Also KCA - Staff/Student Participation)

It is the policy of the Picayune School District Board of Trustees that individuals wishing to address the Board of Trustees must provide written notice to the Office of the Superintendent seven (7) days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees. Presentations to the Board of Trustees are normally limited to five (5) minutes. The Board Chairperson, at his/her discretion, may increase the time limit if necessary.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, the Board of Trustees of the Picayune School District declares its meetings open to the public. The Board of Trustees may, however, by a majority vote of the members present, declare an Executive Session to consider any item where the best interests of the Picayune School District might be served.

Should any individuals, citizens groups, or organizations desire to present any issue to the Board of Trustees, they should make such request by letter or petition.

1. Such letters or petitions should be directed to the Board of Trustees and sent to the Superintendent of the Picayune School District.
2. Statements, complaints, or grievances presented to the Board of Trustees must include specific information substantiating all facts therein.
3. Issues presented by letter or petition will be investigated by the Superintendent; and his/her findings, along with the request for a hearing, will be submitted to the Board of Trustees.
4. Within seven (7) school days following a meeting of the Board of Trustees, the individuals, citizens groups, or organizations should be notified either orally or by letter if the Board of Trustees will grant the request for a hearing.
5. At the Board of Trustees' hearing, the Chairperson shall recognize a person to present any statement, complaint, or grievance and may limit the amount of time for the presentation. The presenter must address the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and

may direct questions or comments to other members of the Board of Trustees or Picayune School District employees in attendance at the meeting only upon approval of the Chairperson. members of the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent have the privilege of asking questions of any person addressing the Board of Trustees. The speaker for a group should be designated prior to the meeting of the Board of Trustees and authorized to speak for the group.

6. The Board of Trustees as a whole, and after full discussion and analysis of the presentation, shall render a decision as soon as practical. Notification of the decision shall be in writing to the individual or person representing the group or organization.