

BEDH-R Public Participation at School Board Meetings(Addressing the Board)

The Board encourages citizens to address the Board during dedicated portions of Board meetings.

Eligibility and priority to address the Board

1. Students enrolled in the district.
2. Employees currently working in the district.
3. Parents/Guardians of students enrolled in the district.
4. Residents of the district.
5. Vendors conducting official business with the district.
6. Individuals who have been specifically requested by the superintendent or Board president to present a given subject.

Those requesting to speak in front of the Board must contact publiccomment@eaton.k12.co.us before 12:00 pm on the day of the School Board meeting. In the email please state your name, address and your eligibility to speak.

When called to speak in front of the Board, introduce yourself and on behalf of which priority you are eligible to speak. If you are speaking on behalf of an organization, identify the organization and your association. **If speaking to a specific agenda item, limit your remarks to the subject of the agenda item and avoid repeating what others have said.**

Orderly conduct

- Speakers are responsible for their own speech.
- Speakers remarks must be suitable for an audience that includes kindergarten through twelfth grade students.
- All speakers, and those in attendance, shall conduct themselves in a non-disruptive manner. Cheering, snapping, clapping and other distractions are not allowed during or upon completion of any public comment.
- All speakers, and those in attendance, who disrupt the order may be asked to leave.
- Defamatory or threatening remarks are always out of order.
- Speakers should be mindful of profane or obscene remarks and their appropriateness for an audience that includes kindergarten through twelfth grade students.
- The presiding officer may terminate the speaker's privilege of address if, after being called to order, the speaker persists in improper conduct or remarks.
- Signs, banners, and other distracting items are not allowed in the boardroom. The Board President will ask you to leave materials outside the room or you may be asked to leave.
- Nondisruptive signs, posters, displays, or other visual depictions are allowed in the board

- meeting.
- Video or audio recordings may not be played during public comment unless prior written approval is given.
 - The board encourages the discussion of confidential topics such as personnel or individual student issues to be conducted in private such as in executive sessions or as otherwise governed in Board policy.

Time limit for speakers

1. No person should speak for more than 3 minutes.(2.5 minute warning with a hard stop at 3 minutes)
2. When a large number of speakers request permission to be heard, the Board President reserves the right to shorten each speaker's time limit if the length of public comment exceeds one hour or longer.
3. When a large number of speakers request permission to be heard, the Board President shall have the discretion to adjust the time allotted for public input as may be necessary to allow the Board ample time to conduct its current business.The board President shall have discretion to set time limit on the aggregate length of this period for public comment and may move any additional speakers to the end of the meeting, depending on the length of the agenda and the number of speakers requesting to comment.

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