Public Comment

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, individuals will complete a public comment form and submit it to the Board secretary.

The president may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant to Board issues. No verbal complaints or charges against any district employee or individual Board member will be allowed during Public Comment.

The Public Comment portion of a public meeting is an inappropriate forum for lodging a complaint or charge against a public officer or employee. Such complaints must be filed pursuant to GP 29, or direct the matter in writing to the Board president where it will be considered for an Executive Session item or referred to the Superintendent for investigation. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting should contact the Superintendent's office no later than three days before a regular meeting and as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so that arrangements for the modification can be made.

Legal References:
- RCW 42.30.030 Meetings declared open and public
- RCW 42.30.050 Interruptions-Procedures
- 42 U.S.C.§§ 12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act