

GRANITE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

POLICY 9138: 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. 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 formal presentations under "Items from the Floor."

The Board will also allow individuals to express an opinion prior to the Board action on agenda items. Individuals wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the chairman. Individuals, after identifying themselves, will proceed to make comments as briefly as the subject permits. The Board requires that such participants be either residents or employees of the District or the designee of such residents or employees. Any representative of a firm eligible to bid on materials or services solicited by the Board shall also be entitled to express an opinion. The chairman may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, irrelevant or concerning a legal matter. 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 of the modification can be made.

Cross Reference:	Policy 9135 of Business	Meeting Conduct, Agenda and Order
Legal References:	RCW 42.30.030 42.30.050	Meetings declared open and public Interruption, Procedures
	42.U.S.C. Act	§ 12101 - 12213 Americans with Disabilities

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