

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

All regular, special, and emergency meetings of the Bridge Creek Board of Education shall be open to the public. The board, in its efforts to learn the viewpoints and concerns of the patrons of the district, will provide opportunities for the patrons to communicate with the board. A procedure developed to allow optimum efficiency of the school board meeting as well as extensive opportunity for questions and comments by patrons shall be in place at all times.

A public participation time will be available at all regular meetings and at special meetings. The president of the board shall recognize speakers, maintain proper order, and establish and comply with time limits, if needed. Board members and administrative staff shall not respond to questions from the public during the meeting, since doing so could be in violation of the Open Meeting Act. The board will not vote on items discussed on the public participation section unless the item is already on the agenda or the item meets the legal requirement of new business.

The board wishes to hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the district and considers the responsible presentation of these viewpoints vital to the efficient operation of the school system. The board also recognizes its responsibility for the proper governance of the schools and the need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner. The board, therefore, directs the superintendent to establish procedures providing for limited participation at school board meetings for the citizens of this district.

**REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §5-118**