

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
(REGULATION)**

The Bridge Creek Board of Education wishes to be responsible to the public and to encourage patron attendance and participation at board meetings. In order to effect efficient and businesslike meetings, the board of education sets the following standards for patrons attending board meetings.

1. The president of the board will ask all visitors signed up to speak to identify themselves and list their names.
2. Patrons wishing to speak are requested to sign up at the superintendent's office 24 hrs prior to the meeting. The board requests the public to meet with the Superintendent about concerns prior to the meeting. If such contact is not made prior to the meeting the Superintendent will communicate with the patron in the week following the meeting.
3. Board members and administrative staff will not respond to questions from the public at the board meeting. If the board chooses, they may place a related item on the agenda for an upcoming regular meeting.
4. The amount of time allowed for comments will be five (5) minutes for an individual and ten (10) minutes for a group to address the board. Comments will terminate at the end of that time limit.
5. No action will be taken by the board on any item addressed which is not on the agenda for the current meeting.
6. No speeches for or against candidates for political office will be permitted.
7. Shall not use the public speaking portions of Board meetings to make slanderous, abusive, and personal statements against any individual. The President of the Board may rule any speaker out of order who makes such statements.
8. Shall not speak regarding litigation pending against the district or employee/s of the district.
9. Shall not speak regarding a matter that is currently the subject of an investigation being conducted by the District or its agents or attorneys, or which is the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation.
10. Any member of the board can direct the superintendent to provide, in writing, answers to individuals or to a group spokesman when legally allowable.
11. Shall not be an announced candidate for public office.
12. Questions may be referred to the superintendent for a later report to the board. The board may also choose to place such items on the agenda of a later meeting.
13. The president of the board shall recognize speakers, maintain proper order, and adhere to time limits, if any established by the board. Specifically, the president may require all proponents of one side of an issue to elect one spokesperson. Repetitive comments by consecutive individuals will not be allowed.
14. Members of the public shall not be recognized while the board is conducting its official business.