

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings may be held by the board on school district matters at the discretion of the board. Public notice of a public hearing will be in the same manner as for a board meeting except that the notice shall be given [at least] ten days before the hearing is to be held, unless it is impossible or impractical to do so.

At public hearings, citizens of the district who register at the door will be allowed to speak on the issue for which the public hearing is being held. Others may be allowed to speak at the board's discretion. Speakers are asked to keep their remarks as brief as possible. Prior to the beginning of the hearing, speakers and spectators will be apprised of the rules of order to be followed regarding time limitations, questions, remarks, rebuttals and so forth. In no event will a speaker be allowed to take the time of another speaker.

The board will conduct public hearings in an orderly fashion. At the beginning of the hearing, statements, background materials, and public hearing rules and procedures will be presented by the board president or his designee. The board president will recognize the speakers. A board member may ask questions of the speakers after receiving permission from the board president. Only those speakers recognized by the chair will be allowed to speak. Comments by others are out of order. Individuals who interfere with or interrupt speakers, the board, or the proceedings will be asked to leave.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 24.9; 279.8, .10; 297.22 (2003).

Cross Reference: 211 Board of Directors' Meetings
 215 Public Participation in Board Meetings
 601.1 School Calendar
 703.3 Budget Public Hearing

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