

BCSD Board of Trustees

Public Comment Procedure



Dear Patrons and Members of the Blaine County School District community:

Thank you for making the time to attend this meeting of the Blaine County School District Board of Trustees. At each Regular meeting of the Board, the Agenda will provide time for Public Comment before the Board. Persons wishing to address the Board will be required to submit a "REQUEST TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD" form. Forms are available from the Clerk of the Board and will be available at each meeting. We request that you follow the procedures listed below:

1. Know that we appreciate your input.
2. Review the Agenda and note where Public Comment is listed.
3. Complete the "Request To Appear Before The Board" form and submit it prior to the start of the meeting to the Clerk of the Board, who will deliver it to the Board Chairman.
4. Have your comments prepared to be delivered in three (3) minutes.
5. Upon invitation from the Chairman, please come forward to the podium, state your name and address for the record and make your comments directly to the Board Chair.

Due to the fact that a School Board meeting is a meeting that is held in public and not a public meeting, the Board is required to abide by the Idaho Open Meeting Law, and because of the diversity of issues, members of the Board will not respond to Public Comment. Instead, issues may be recorded and referred to the proper staff person for follow-up. The Chairman may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, repetitive, or irrelevant. The Board of Trustees as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

In order to ensure that everyone who comes to speak to the Board has the opportunity to do so, presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes. If there is a group who all wish to speak to the Board on the same topic, we request that the group appoint a spokesperson who will be allowed ten (10) minutes for the presentation.

Any complaint about the District, including instruction, discipline, District personnel policy, procedure, or curriculum should be referred through the proper administrative channels before it is presented to the Board for consideration and action. All complaints should be resolved through proper channels in the following order:

1. Teacher or Staff
2. Principal or Supervisor
3. Director or Administrator
4. Superintendent
5. Board of Trustees.

Written materials for Board Members must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. The written material must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting it. A copy of the materials that meet these requirements will be forwarded to Board Members if received by noon the Friday preceding the Board meeting. Materials should not be sent directly to Board Members. Materials may be presented or mailed to Laurie Kaufman, Clerk of the Board, at Blaine County School District No. 61, 118 West Bullion Street, Hailey, ID 83333. Written comments will not be read during the board meeting but will be entered into the minutes for the meeting. All minutes are public record.