2:230 Public Participation at Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board

All meetings are open to the public except for Executive Sessions allowed by law. All actions shall be taken in open meetings. A time is provided for public comment. A limit of up to three (3) minutes for individuals or thirty (30) minutes collectively will be allowed for comments.

Individuals or groups of citizens may present pertinent matters to the Board for consideration and action at a regular scheduled meeting of the Board. The following steps must be taken to be placed on the agenda:

- A written request must be made to the Secretary of the Board stating questions on which a decision is desired.
- A written request must be made to the Secretary for personal appearance before the Board meeting stating matters to be presented.
- All requests for decisions for personal appearance must be received at the Cooperative office at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting in order that items may be included on a printed agenda.
- The Board may, in case of emergency, by majority decision, waive the seven (7) days requirement.
- Action on any matter presented to the Board shall be taken at the regular meeting.
- The Board may, in case of emergency, by majority decision, take action at the same meeting as presented. However, usually it is not in the best interest of the community to make a hasty decision on a proposal without research and study and for this reason, emergency action will be taken only under unusual and compelling circumstances.
- The Board may, in case of emergency, call a special meeting to consider a matter to be presented.
- Requests for a hearing before the Board should only be made after the usual channels have been exhausted. If individuals or groups feel they have a problem at a particular school or department, solutions should be sought there before going to the Director and ultimately to the Board.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-6 and 5/10-16.

5 ILCS 120/2.06, Open Meetings Act.

I.A. Rana Enterprises, Inc. v. City of Aurora, 630 F.Supp.2d 912 (N.D.Ill. 2009).

CROSS REF.: 3:30 (Chain of Command), 2:220 (Board Meeting Procedure), 8:10 (Connection with the Community), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

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