

BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Guidelines for Board Meeting Public Comment

1. Public comment during Board meetings shall be limited to the time designated on the Board agenda. Anyone may present public comments to the Board.
2. Maximum time for individual speakers shall not exceed four (4) minutes. Limited exceptions to this time may be made at the discretion of the Board President.
3. Speakers may not cede their time to others, and choosing not to speak will not increase the time allowed other speakers.
4. No speaker will be allowed to address the board more than once during the same meeting.
5. Each speaker should announce their name and community of residence.
6. Speakers should take into account the rules of common courtesy and refrain from making harassing comments or personal attacks against employees, individual agents, staff members, volunteers, students, parents, community members, or members of the Board. If the comments constitute a complaint against a staff member, the staff member has the right to request a closed meeting. Speakers are expected to present complaints about a specific staff member, board member, individual agent or student through proper channels established under board policy before requesting board consideration. At no time should a speaker reference a specific individual by name when speaking on an issue of concern involving staff members or students.
7. There is no dialogue between Board members and the public during public comment. Previously stated board policies or administrative rules and regulations and corrections or clarifications to matters of fact may, however, be explained following the close of public comment.
8. The Board President or presiding officer, or his/her designee, shall administer this policy consistent with this guideline and the Open Meetings Act.

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