Nampa School District No. 131

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Participation in Board Meeting

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, but any person who disturbs good order may be required to leave. The Board of Trustees encourages all citizens of the District to express their ideas and concerns. The comments of the community will be given careful consideration. In the evaluation of such comments, the first priority will be District students and their educational program.

NOTICE

DUE TO THEIR SENSITIVE NATURE, COMMENTS OR COMPLAINTS ABOUT PERSONNEL OR INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS WILL NOT BE HEARD IN PUBLIC SESSION. ADDITIONALLY, OTHER TOPICS YOU WISH TO ADDRESS MAY ONLY BE APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION. IN SUCH INSTANCES, THE BOARD WILL DETERMINE IF YOUR COMMENTS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR OPEN OR EXECUTIVE SESSION AND WILL NOTIFY YOU ACCORDINGLY.

A PERSON WHO DISRUPTS THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS OR WHOSE PRESENCE IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE MORALS, HEALTH, SAFETY, ACADEMIC LEARNING OR DISCIPLINE OF THE PUPILS OR WHO LOITERS IN SCHOOLS OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

Any complaint about the District; including instruction, discipline, District personnel policy, procedure, or curriculum; should be referred through 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; then
5. Board of Trustees.

Please also see District Policy No. 4110 Public Complaints.

Members of the public will not be recognized by the Chair as the Board conducts its official business except when the Board schedules public discussion period on a particular item. The Board will listen to the public but, at the same time, expects the public to listen and speak only when properly recognized.
At each regular and special meeting of the Board the agenda may provide time for public
comment before the Board. Persons wishing to address the Board will be required to submit a
“Request to Address the Board” form. Forms are available from the Board Clerk and will be
available at each meeting.

Each speaker will be limited to three minutes. Public comment will be taken on matters
scheduled on the agenda. Should a large number of the public wish to speak on the same issue or
topic, members of the public are encouraged to select one or more representatives to summarize
their position. Additionally, the Board Clerk will accept written comments for distribution to the
Board. The Board may decline to hear repetitive comments. The Chair may also deny an
individual the opportunity to address the Board if the individual has previously addressed the
Board on the same subject within the past two months.

Written materials for Board Members must be submitted to the Board Clerk. 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 the Board Clerk at 619 S Canyon
St. Nampa, ID 83686.

If a topic is being considered by a committee established for that purpose, the Chair may refer
the public comment to that committee.

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 Chair
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.

Any person who willfully disrupts a meeting to the extent that orderly conduct is seriously
compromised may be removed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. The
presiding officer may terminate the speaker’s privilege of address if, after being called to order,
the speaker persists in improper conduct or remarks.

If a special meeting has been held to obtain public comment on a specific issue, the Chair of the
Board may choose not to recognize speakers wishing to comment on the same topic at a regular
meeting of the Board.

Cross Reference: 4110 Public Complaints
4120 Uniform Grievance Procedure
4320 Disruption of School Operations

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-512 (11) Governance of Schools
I.C. § 74-206 Executive Sessions—When Authorized
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