

Hayden Canyon Charter

Policy Regarding Public Comment

At regular meetings the Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board regarding items not listed as agenda items.

No presentation shall exceed three minutes. When multiple speakers indicate a desire to speak on the same issue, the presiding officer shall request that the speakers designate two or three people to speak for the group. Time for each presentation may be reduced if an unusually large number of people sign up to speak on the same topic. The presiding officer shall have the authority to extend the amount of time for public comment on non-agenda items.

Any person planning to address the Board on a non-agenda item shall complete the appropriate speaker participation form at least ten minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting.

A speaker who signs up to address the Board, either on a non-agenda item or on an item listed on the agenda, shall:

1. Be acknowledged by the presiding officer before publicly speaking;
2. State his or her first and last name and the intended topic;
3. Address the Board only on matters relating to the District and be limited to the topic as indicated on the speaker participation form;
4. Be limited to speaking for no more than three minutes;
5. Have allotted time reduced if the presiding officer deems it necessary to accommodate a large number of speakers wishing to address the Board on the same topic;
6. Not accrue time from another speaker;
7. Not use profane or vulgar language during his or her presentation;
8. Refrain from making personal attacks against any person;
9. Remain in the area designated for speaking during his or her presentation;
and
10. Refrain from directing questions to individual Board members, the Superintendent, District staff, or members of the audience. The presiding officer shall have the authority to suspend the speaker's time if he or she does not comply with the listed procedures.