

Lincoln County Board of Education

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1 **APPEALS TO THE BOARD**

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3 Any matter relating to the operation of the school system may be appealed to the Board. However, the
4 Board desires that all matters be settled at the lowest level of responsibility and will not hear complaints
5 or concerns which have not advanced through the proper administrative procedure from the point of
6 origin.

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8 If all steps of the administrative procedure have been pursued and there is still a desire to appeal to the
9 Board, the matter shall be referred in writing to the office of the director of schools and the Board shall
10 determine whether to hear the appeal.

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12 **APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD**

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14 Individuals desiring to appear before the Board must submit a written request with descriptive materi-
15 als to the office of the director of schools five (5) days before the meeting. If the request is approved
16 by the Executive Committee, the item will be placed on the agenda. Individuals placed on the agenda
17 will be recognized at the beginning of the meeting and given time to speak when their topic of interest
18 is addressed on the agenda. All requests submitted will be included in the board packet.

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20 The chairman may recognize individuals not on the agenda, including individuals who are not citizens
21 of the school system, for remarks to the Board if he/she determines that such is in the public interest.
22 A majority vote of members present can overrule the decision of the chairman.

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24 Individuals speaking to the Board shall address remarks to the chairman and may direct questions to
25 individual board members or staff members only upon approval of the chairman. Each person speaking
26 shall state his name, address, and subject of presentation. Remarks will be limited to five (5) minutes
27 unless time is extended by the Board. The chairman shall have the authority to terminate the remarks
28 of any individual who is disruptive or does not adhere to Board rules.¹ Members of the Board and
29 the Director of Schools may have the privilege of asking questions of any person who addresses the
30 Board.

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32 Individuals desiring additional information about any item on the agenda shall direct such inquiries to
33 the office of the director of schools.

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Legal Reference:

38 1. TCA 39-17-306

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Cross References:

38 School Board Meetings 1.400
39 Agendas 1.403
40 Complaints About School Personnel 5.502