

# Monroe County Board of Education

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**1 APPEALS TO THE BOARD**

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

5 If all administrative channels have been pursued and there is still a desire to appeal to the Board, the matter shall  
 6 be referred in writing and the Board shall determine whether to hear the appeal.

**7 APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD**

8 Individuals desiring to appear before the Board may request placement on the agenda by contacting the office of  
 9 the director of schools to state the purpose in writing ten (10) working days before the meeting. They will be  
 10 recognized at the beginning of the meeting and given time to speak when their topic of interest is addressed on  
 11 the agenda. Sufficient background material will be provided by the speaker. The chairman may recognize  
 12 individuals not on the agenda for remarks to the Board if he/she determines that such is in the public interest. A  
 13 majority vote of members present can overrule the decision of the chairman.

14 Delegations must select only one individual to speak on their behalf unless otherwise determined by the Board.

15 Recognition of individuals who are not citizens of the school system is to be determined by a majority vote of the  
 16 Board.

17 Individuals speaking to the Board shall address remarks to the chairman and may direct questions to individual  
 18 Board members or staff members only upon approval of the chairman. Each person speaking shall state his name,  
 19 address, and subject of presentation. Remarks will be limited to five (5) minutes unless time is extended by a  
 20 majority vote of the Board. The chairman shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who  
 21 does not adhere to the above rules or chooses to be abusive to an individual board member or the Board as a  
 22 whole.<sup>1</sup> Members of the Board and the director of schools may have the privilege of asking questions of any  
 23 person who addresses the Board.

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

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Legal Reference

1. TCA 39-17-306

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Cross Reference

School Board Meetings 1.400