APPEALS TO THE BOARD

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

If, after such procedure is followed, there is still a desire to appeal to the Board, the matter shall be referred in writing and the Board shall determine whether to provide a hearing.

Any member of the public or any delegation desiring an audience with the Board shall submit the request in writing to the chairperson of the board stating the nature of the business and the name and address of the spokesperson. The Board may agree to hear any individual or organization at any time.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD

Individuals desiring to appear before the Board during the public comment session at the adjournment of each meeting may request in writing to the director of schools three (3) days before the meeting. Public comment protocol guidelines are available at the office of the director of schools. The chairman may recognize individuals not on the agenda for remarks to the Board if he determines that such is in the public interest. A majority vote of members present can overrule the decision of the chairman.

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

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

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

Legal Reference:
1. TCA 39-17-306

Cross References:
School Board Meetings 1.400
Agendas 1.403
Complaints About School Personnel 5.502