

Syringa Mountain School

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

4105

Public Participation in Board Meeting – Request to Appear Before the Board

The Board encourages members of Syringa Mountain School community to express their ideas and concerns. The comments of the community will be given careful consideration. In the evaluation of such comments, first priority will be Syringa Mountain School students and their educational program.

At each Regular and Special meeting of the Board the agenda will provide time for public comment before the Board. Persons wishing to address the Board will be required to submit a “REQUEST TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD” form found in Policy 4105-Form. Forms are available from the Board Secretary and will be available at each meeting.

Total time allotted for public comment will not exceed one (1) hour. Public participation will be limited to the time allotted on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes. All speakers will be allowed to speak at least once before a speaker is allowed to address the board a second time. The Board will take public comment only 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 a representative(s) to summarize their position. Additionally, the Board Secretary will accept written comments for distribution to the Board.

Written materials for Board Members must be submitted to the Board Secretary. 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 Secretary at Post Office Box 3531, Hailey, Idaho 83333.

If a topic is being considered by a committee established for that purpose, the Board 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 Board Chair may interrupt or terminate an individual’s statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, repetitive, or irrelevant. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

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

NOTICE: Personnel and Student Complaints

DUE TO THEIR SENSITIVE NATURE, COMMENTS OR COMPLAINTS ABOUT PERSONNEL OR INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS WILL ONLY BE HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. Idaho Code Section 67-2345.

“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 SCHOOLHOUSES OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.” Idaho Code Section 33-512 (11).

Any complaint about Syringa Mountain School, including instruction, discipline, school personnel policy, procedure or curriculum, should be referred through proper administrative channels (See Uniform Grievance Procedure) 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 Administrator
3. Board of Trustees

Please also see Syringa Mountain School Policy Nos. 4110 and 4120 regarding public complaints and grievances.

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

Legal Reference: I.C. Section 33-512 (11)
I.C. Section 67-2345

Policy History

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REQUEST TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

NAME

ADDRESS

REPRESENTING

Brief Description of Reason to Appear Before the Board

Date: _____ Thank you for your commenting.