

**West Linn-Wilsonville  
School District 3J**

Code: **BDDH**  
Adopted: 11/01/10  
Readopted: 1/11/16  
Readopted: 6/18/18  
Orig. Code(s): BDDH

**Public Participation in Board Meetings**

All board meetings with the exception of executive sessions shall be open to the public. Because the Board desires to hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the district, it shall offer suitable time at all meetings for citizens to be heard.

1. Each Board meeting will have a time near the beginning of the meeting for public comment.
2. Individuals commentary will be limited to 3 minutes with a total time for public comments limited to 45 minutes, unless extended by the board.
3. Board members will listen to commentary. The Board chair may respond to public comment during the meeting if warranted. The Board chair may also invite a response from an individual Board member or Superintendent if warranted.
4. Every effort will be made to limit deliberations/activities to Board work and not administrative/staff work.

Speakers may offer objective and civil criticism of district operations and programs, but the Board will not hear complaints concerning individual district personnel. The Board chair will direct the citizen to the appropriate means for Board consideration and disposition of legitimate complaints involving individual district personnel.

If citizens have video clips or Power Points on a particular topic, they can be submitted to the Board Chair prior to the meeting in lieu of being shown during the public comment portion of the meeting.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 165.535](#)  
[ORS 165.540](#)

[ORS 192.610 - 192.690](#)  
[ORS 332.057](#)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2006); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2006).  
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.

**Cross Reference(s):**

BDDA - Notification of Board Meetings  
BDDC - Board Meeting Agenda  
KC - Community Involvement in Decision Making