

**Board Meeting Procedures**

**Code #187.00**

The Board of Education of the Tri-County Area School District, as a representative body of the District, will provide an avenue for any citizen to express their interest in and concerns for the schools during the regular Board of Education "public forum." Accordingly, the public is cordially invited to attend Board meetings.

Meetings of the Board are conducted for the purpose of carrying on the business of schools, and therefore are not public meetings, but meetings held in the public. All meetings, including open, closed, and executive sessions are strictly defined and regulated by state statute.

In order that the Board may fairly and adequately discharge its overall responsibility, citizens who wish to make requests, representations, or proposals to the Board are requested to direct these concerns to the presiding officer. The intent of the rule is:

1. To allow everyone a fair and adequate opportunity to express their opinions to the Board.
2. To allow the District Administrator of schools to take direct action, or to recommend action to the Board, when policies have already been established by the Board.
3. To minimize the possibility of the Board making ill-advised, illegal, or improper rulings due to hasty action in the absence of adequate information and study, especially when a policy does not exist, a change in policy is proposed, or an exception is specifically requested.
4. Public participation at Board meetings should follow prescribed guidelines.
5. The presiding officer may ask any visitor or citizen to respond on any item.

**Cross Reference:** 187R, *Guidelines for Public Participation at Board Meetings*

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