



JIM HOGG COUNTY

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Public comment at regular Board meetings will be conducted in accordance with BED(LOCAL) and the Board's procedures on public comment.

At meetings other than regular Board meetings, the Board shall permit public comment regardless of whether the topic is an item on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. At all other Board meetings, public comment shall be limited to items on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

The following guidelines apply to public comment:

1. Individuals who wish to participate during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins as specified in the Board's procedures on public comment and shall indicate the agenda item or topic on which they wish to address the Board.
2. Public comment shall occur at the beginning of the meeting. Except as permitted by this policy and the Board's procedures on public comment, an individual's comments to the Board shall not exceed three minutes per meeting. When necessary for effective meeting management or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, the presiding officer may make adjustments to public comment procedures. However, no individual shall be given less than one minute to make comments.
3. In referencing students during public comments, only initials may be used. You may not direct any board member or staff member, directly by name.
4. The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If, after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any individual continues to disrupt the meeting by his or her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the individual removed from the meeting.
5. Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.