

## **BCAE Public Hearings (See BCBI and KN) BCAE**

The board may hold public hearings on matters which the board deems appropriate. Public hearings will be held at a convenient time and a suitable place.

The board president or vice-president shall preside at public hearings and shall request every participant to state name, residence and purpose for speaking. After a hearing is called to order the board may delegate another individual to run the actual hearing.

### **Temporary Modifications**

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**Consequently, for the JCHS Construction Budget Hearing (April 21, 2020) and any upcoming budget hearing please consider emailing your constructive comment to [PublicHearing@usd475.org](mailto:PublicHearing@usd475.org) . Comments will be reviewed, consolidated and forwarded to members of the Board of Education in a timely manner.**

Adopted by Board 07/15

Modified April 6, 2020 through August 3, 2020

## **BCBI Public Participation at Board Meetings (See [BCAE](#) and [KN](#)) BCBI**

### Open Forum

The president or presiding officer may ask patrons attending if they would like to speak during the open forum. Rules for the public forum will be available from the clerk prior to the board meeting and at the meeting itself. The board president may impose a limit on the time a visitor may address the board. The board president may ask groups with the same interest to appoint a spokesperson to deliver the group's message. Except to ask clarifying questions, board members shall not interact with speakers at the open forum.

### Handling Complaints

The superintendent may refer complaints to the board only if a satisfactory adjustment cannot be made by a principal, the superintendent, or other appropriate staff members.

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**If you would like to provide public comment, please contact the Clerk of the Board by noon on the day of the board meeting at [tinakausler@usd475.org](mailto:tinakausler@usd475.org). The Clerk of the Board will ensure that the correspondence is forwarded to the appropriate staff and the Board of Education.**

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