

Resolution Regarding Public Participation at School Board Meetings

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees is the governing body of the Kokomo School Corporation, Howard County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees honors its high responsibility of thinking always in terms of children first and acting in a way that reflects the best interests of school children; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees respects proper communication channels, referring all complaints to the proper administrative office, and only considering them after failure of an administrative solution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees welcomes public interest in our school district, and recognizes and values public comments, at regular Board meetings, on decisions being deliberated and considered on school district matters; and

WHEREAS, the Board may decide to hold certain types of public meetings where the public will not be invited to address the Board of School Trustees, including work sessions and Board retreats; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees recognizes the importance of conducting orderly and efficient proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Trustees shall set aside a time for public comments related to agenda items scheduled for action and labeled as "Unfinished Business" or "New Business". The agenda items shall be listed in advance on the District's website and posted at the Administrative Service Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that citizens who wish to speak at a regularly-scheduled meeting, shall notify the Superintendent's office by 4:00 p.m. the business day immediately prior to the day of that regularly-scheduled meeting. The citizen shall provide his or her name, address, the name of the group represented (if any), and cite the specific permissible agenda item to be addressed.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that individuals permitted to speak at a meeting shall be called forward by the Board President, or designee, and be allowed to speak no more than three minutes to share his/her comments at the microphone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President will recognize one speaker at a time who may only address one topic, and will rule out of order other speakers who are not recognized. Individuals who interfere with, or interrupt speakers, the Board of School Trustees, or the Board meeting, will be directed to leave.

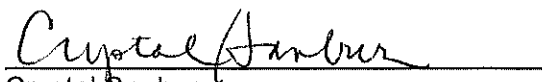
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President retains the discretion to limit discussion of any agenda item, or the total length of public comments, to a reasonable time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that comments on non-agenda items may be shared for Board review by submitting in writing to the attention of the Board President; Kokomo School Corporation, 1500 S Washington St; P.O. Box 2188, Kokomo, IN 46904-2188.

This resolution was duly made, seconded and adopted this 5th day of August, 2019.


Cristi Brewer-Allen
President, Board of School Trustees
Kokomo School Corporation

ATTEST:


Crystal Sanburn
Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Kokomo School Corporation