

## Public Participation Procedures at Board Meetings

The Board Policy addressing Public Participation at Board Meetings is not designed to prohibit public comment or participation. However, the School Board of Trustees monthly agenda is most often a lengthy one. As elected officials, the Board is charged with conducting the business of the Corporation via our monthly meeting and must adhere to discussion of the items included in our agenda posted prior to the meeting.

If our families or community members have comments or concerns about a Board agenda item, our Public Participation Policy includes the process for requests to speak to the Board on the agenda item. If families or community members have comments or concerns regarding a particular student, staff member, or school related incident, we ask that these issues be handled through the appropriate reporting protocol; starting first with building staff (teacher or principal). If you feel the concern is not adequately addressed, you may report your concerns to our superintendent.

We appreciate your interest in our corporation and your care and concern for our students and staff and thank you for helping us to do the best for Beech Grove City Schools.

Board Policy:

### **0167.3 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

The School Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on Corporation matters.

Any individual residing within the Corporation or any group representing the residents of the Corporation wishing to address the Board on any agenda item being considered may do so during the time provided for "Public Comments" at regular Board meetings. Public Comments will be limited to three minutes per participant.

Any individual residing within the Corporation or group representing residents of the Corporation seeking formal action by the Board on a specific subject under the Board's jurisdiction shall notify the Superintendent of Schools of their request in writing no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting and include:

- A. name and address of the participant;
- B. group affiliation, if and when appropriate;

Such requests shall be approved by the Superintendent and the Board President.