Hickman County Board of Education

	Descriptor Term:	Descriptor Code:	Issued Date:
	Appeals to and Appearances Before the Board	**1.404**	**12/04/23**
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APPEALS TO THE BOARD

Any matter relating to the operation of the school system may be appealed to the Board. However, the Board desires that all matters be settled at the lowest level of responsibility

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD[3]

The Board will add 15 minutes of public comment time to the beginning of each board meeting. There shall be a public comment period for each meeting with actionable items on the agenda, with the exception of teacher disciplinary hearings. Individuals desiring to speak during public comment period should sign up to speak prior to the meeting. The sign- up sheet for public comment will be available at the meeting location 1 hour prior to the meeting. The sign-up sheet will include (1.) Name (2.) address.

Use respect when presenting your concern, be prepared, and end timely. Stick to facts as you know them.

Recognition of individuals who are not citizens of Hickman County is to be determined by a majority vote of the Board.

The chairman may recognize individuals not on the agenda for remarks to the Board if he/she determines that such is in the public interest. A majority vote ~~of members present~~ can overrule the decision of the chairman.

Individuals speaking to the Board shall address remarks to the Board and may direct questions to individual board members or staff members only upon approval of the chairman. Each person speaking shall state his name, address, and subject of presentation. Remarks may be limited to five (3) minutes unless time is extended by the Board. The chairman shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who is disruptive, violates state law or doesn't adhere to board rules.[1] Members of the Board and the director of schools have the privilege of asking questions of any person who addresses the Board.

Individuals desiring additional information about any item on the agenda shall direct such inquiries to the Board.

Legal References

1. TCA 39-17-306
2. Public Acts of 2023, Chapter No. 300

Cross References

School Board Meetings 1.400
Public Hearings 1.401
Agendas 1.403
Discrimination/Harassment of Employees 5.500
Complaints and Grievances 5.501
Student Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-bullying, and Intimidation 6.304

Student Concerns 6.305