



## **Board Policy**

**Descriptor Code: KCA**

### **Public Participation in Board Meetings**

All official meetings of the Board shall be open to the press and public. However, the Board reserves the right to meet privately for work sessions and to adjourn or recess a meeting at any time to discuss such matters as may be properly considered in executive sessions.

The Board desires citizens of the district to attend its sessions so that they may become better acquainted with the operation and programs of the schools and that the Board may have the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public.

In order to assure that persons who wish to appear before the Board may be heard and, at the same time, conduct its meetings properly and efficiently, the Board adopts as policy the following procedures and rules pertaining to public participation in Board meetings.

1. Anyone wishing to speak before the Board, representing either himself/herself or a group, should inform the Superintendent of his/her desire to do so and his/her topic as early as possible, but at least by 2:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the meeting. This will permit orderly scheduling of his/her remarks on the meeting agenda.
2. Any individual desiring to speak shall give his/her name, address, and the group, if any, that he/she is representing.
3. His/her presentation should be as brief as possible. Unless an extension of time is granted, a speaker shall limit himself/herself to five minutes.
4. Speakers may offer such objective criticism of school operations and programs as concerns them. But in public session, the Board will not hear personal complaints of school personnel nor against any person connected with the school system. Other channels provide for Board consideration and disposition of legitimate complaints involving individuals.
5. No profane or vulgar language nor personal abuse against any person shall be permitted.

The Board vests in its chairman or other presiding officer authority to terminate the remarks of any individual when he/she does not adhere to the rules established above.

Persons appearing before the Board are reminded as a point of information, that members of the Board are without authority to act independently as individuals in official matters; thus, questions may be directed to the Board members but answers must be deferred pending consideration by the Board.

Comments and questions at a regular meeting may relate with any topic concerned with the Boards conduct of the schools. Comments at special meetings can only deal with the call of the meeting.

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Social Circle City Schools

Date Adopted: 7/11/2002

**NOTE:** *The State of Georgia has moved the Georgia Code. This new environment no longer allows us to link directly to the Georgia Code. For example enter 20-02-0211 in the search window and the Georgia Code will appear.*

**Georgia Code**

**Description**

O.C.G.A. 50-14-0001

[Open Meetings Act; notice; minutes; telecommunication conferences](#)

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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**AGENDA REQUEST**

The Social Circle Board of Education encourages public participation in the conduct of the business of education in our community. The general public is invited to attend all meetings of the Board and no meeting shall be closed to anyone except as provided by law.

In order to facilitate the agenda of the Board, you are requested to complete the following questions:

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Address \_\_\_\_\_
4. Organization \_\_\_\_\_
5. Approximate number in group \_\_\_\_\_  
(The Board may adjourn to the High School Media center to accommodate group.)
6. Topic for discussion \_\_\_\_\_
7. Brief description of the action you are requesting the Board to take:  
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The agenda of the Board is closed on Monday at 2:00 p.m. prior to the 2nd Thursday of each month, the regular meeting date. Anyone requesting the Board to consider an item not placed on the agenda may do so by appearing personally and making such a request to the Board in official session.