

# Astoria School District 1C

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## **Public Participation in Board Meetings**

The Board invites and encourages all parents and community groups such as parent clubs, service clubs, church and fraternal groups and interested individuals to attend Board meetings. It is felt that the community is best served when it is alert to the educational problems and needs of the District.

All meetings of the Board, with the exception of executive sessions, will be open to the public. Members of the public are also encouraged to share their ideas and opinions with the Board, when appropriate.

### **Audience**

During an open session of a Board meeting, members of the public are specifically invited to present concerns during the portion of the agenda so designated. At the discretion of the chair, further public participation may be allowed.

### **Request for an Item on the Agenda**

A member of the public may request the superintendent or appropriate subcommittee of the Board to place an item of concern on the agenda of a regular Board meeting. This request should be made in writing and presented to the superintendent or appropriate subcommittee of the Board for consideration at least six working days prior to the scheduled meeting.

### **Petitions**

Petitions may be accepted at any meeting of the Board. No action will be taken in response to a petition before the next regular meeting unless the content of the petition has been discussed by the Board at a previous meeting. Petitions will be referred to the superintendent or appropriate subcommittee of the Board for consideration and recommendation of appropriate action.

### **Criticisms of Staff Members**

Speakers may offer objective criticism of District operations and programs, but the Board will not hear personal complaints concerning school personnel or against any person connected with the school system. The chair will direct the visitor to the appropriate policy for consideration and disposition of legitimate complaints involving individuals.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 165.535](#)

[ORS 165.540](#)

[ORS 192.610 - 192.690](#)

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[ORS 332.057](#)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101-12213; 29 CFR Part 1630 (2000); 28 CFR Part 35 (2000).