

Welcome to our Meeting of the Fairbury Public School Board of Education



We Believe...

Student Achievement is at the core of all district and Board of Education goals. Students succeed best in an exciting and challenging environment where they are actively engaged in the learning process and supported by parent and community involvement

Fairbury Public Schools Mission Statement:

Foundations for Learning...

Prepared, Productive Citizens...

Safe Supportive Environments

Welcome

The Board of Education wishes to extend a welcome to all visitors and district patrons. The following procedures are explained to assist individuals with questions they may have in regards to addressing the board or requesting to have an item placed on the agenda.

When Does the Board Meet?

Regular scheduled meetings of the Board of Education are held the second Monday of each month normally in the '47 Building's Board Room, at 7:00 pm. (see BOE policy 2008)

Who May Address the Board?

- Residents of the school district.
- Members of the staff and student body.
- Parents of students enrolled in the district.
- Individuals who have been requested by the superintendent of schools or members of the Board of Education to present information on a given subject.
- Nonresidents who have requested and received permission of the president of the Board of Education or the superintendent of schools in the prescribed manner.

Which Agenda Items are Discussed?

Only items on the written agenda will be discussed at any meeting, By the Board of Education, unless the Board of Education, by a majority action, approves the placing of an emergency item on the agenda.

Can I Request an Item to be Placed on the Agenda?

The superintendent creates the agenda and board packet in consultation with the board president. The materials will be sent or delivered to each board member in advance of the meeting. Members of the public have no entitlement to place an item on the board's agenda, but may address the board during the next meeting at which the board receives public comment (See BOE policy 2010).

May I Speak to the BOE about an Item NOT on the Agenda?

The board wants to hear from those who have a vested interest in the school. However, a great deal of business is conducted during the Board's meeting. Therefore, the following guidelines are accepted practices:

- On each agenda "Patron comments for the Board of Education" is listed as an agenda item.
- Those wishing to speak, must sign in on the "speaker list" prior to start of the meeting. When called by the board president, go to the designated area in front of the Board to be recognized.
- State your name, address and concern. The board will generally allow a total of 30 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time, and must limit comments to a maximum of 5 minutes. If there are more than 6 individuals who wish to address the board, the 30 minutes will be divided equally between the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.
- Also, keep in mind; the Board will take no action at this time. If action is desired, the subject should be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

What if Things Get Out of Hand?

Undue interruption or other interference with orderly conduct of business cannot be allowed. Degrading or abusive remarks are always out of order. A speaker's privilege to address the Board of Education may be terminated if he or she persists in making unacceptable remarks or in conducting oneself in an offensive manner as judged by the Board.

May I question the Board or School Personnel at the Meeting?

Members of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools may question the speaker or make comments in response to the speaker's remarks. Members of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools are not subject to questioning by the speakers

What if I Have a Complaint?

At a public meeting of the Board of Education, no person shall orally initiate charges or complaints against individual employees of the school district or challenge instructional material used by the district. All such charges, complaints, or challenges shall be presented to the appropriate school personnel or administrator in writing, signed by the complainant (see BOE Policy 2006 and accompanying Complaint Form)

May Handouts be Distributed?

Any written or printed materials to be circulated at a Board meeting must be included in application to have an item placed on the agenda by the Tuesday preceding the meeting. This material will be distributed to the Board as part of the packet and reviewed by the Board prior to the meeting.

Why are there so many rules?

The Board of Education holds its meetings in public, in concordance of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law, school policy and parliamentary procedures. It is not the intent of these guidelines to hinder discussion between the Board and the public, but merely establish an orderly business meeting of the Board of Education.