

BOARD BYLAW

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

Bylaws of the Board

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PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board of Education of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District desires and encourages public attendance at all board meetings and is always interested in the constructive participation of those in attendance.

In order to insure an orderly proceeding so that the district's business may be accomplished in an efficient manner and to provide a fair opportunity for all individuals who wish to address the board regarding items on the agenda or matters within the jurisdiction of the board, the following procedures shall regulate public presentations to the board:

1. Members of the public may address the board regarding a particular agenda item when the item comes before the board or at the time designated by the agenda for public comment. The presiding officer will provide members of the public with the opportunity to choose whether they will speak during the public comment portion of the agenda or when the item comes before the board for consideration.
2. All requests by members of the public for an opportunity to address the board during a public meeting must be in writing on the form provided by the district for that purpose. The request must include the subject and agenda item number which the individual wishes to address. All requests to address the board must be submitted prior to the presiding officer announcing that public comment will be taken.
3. The public comment section of the agenda is not a time for dialogue between community members and members of the district board/staff. Comments by community members which require a response will be addressed by staff at a later time at the discretion of the presiding officer. No action or discussion by members of the board or staff shall be taken on any item which is not on the posted agenda except as expressly authorized by law.
4. A maximum of thirty (30) minutes shall be set aside for public comment at each board meeting during which time each speaker shall be allocated a maximum of five (5) minutes to address the board regarding any item or items. The presiding officer, at his/her discretion, may reduce the amount of time allocated to each speaker in order to avoid exceeding the 30-minute total time limitation.
5. The board believes that all members of the public are entitled to the rights assured them under the California and United States Constitutions. The board further believes that district employees are entitled to rights of privacy under the California and United States Constitutions. The board has therefore adopted a complaint policy concerning school personnel, and will only consider and act on such complaints if they are pursued in accordance with that policy. Speakers who wish to make complaints or charges concerning district personnel are expected to follow that policy. The board president shall inform any individual of the district's policy and expectations in that regard when he/she is making an oral presentation which includes charges or complaints against district personnel, including the superintendent, regardless of whether the employee is identified by name or by other reference which tends to identify. Should the individual

choose to continue with charges or complaints against district personnel in public, it will be done at his/her own risk with respect to potential liability regarding the employee whose privacy may be invaded.

6. No willful disturbance or interruption of any board meeting shall be permitted. Only individuals recognized by the presiding officer will be permitted to address the board. Persistence by an individual/group shall be grounds for the chair to terminate his/her privilege of addressing the meeting, and may result in the board requesting that the disruptive individual/group be removed or that the room be cleared.

These procedures shall be used to conduct all public comment and public hearing segments held during Board of Education meetings.

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