

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Public comment about the Community School Corporation of Eastern Hancock County is welcomed by the School Board whenever it is motivated by a sincere desire to improve the quality of the educational program. Public comments at school board meetings are reserved for individuals who reside within the Corporation boundaries, individuals who currently have a child enrolled in the Corporation, or individuals who are employed by the Corporation.

Comments and concerns related to curriculum, methods of instruction, instructional materials, or Corporation employees will not be considered for public comment at a board meeting. These concerns shall be submitted to the principal of the school and the Superintendent. Comments and concerns thus submitted will be considered by the Superintendent or his or her designated assistants and the principal. At the discretion of the Superintendent, a committee may be appointed, an existing committee may be utilized, or other action may be taken to review the matter in question and submit a written decision to the Superintendent.

Public comments at school board meetings are reserved to a three-minute allotment per individual to allow for an efficient meeting. In no case will public comments be permitted after 45 total minutes. Persons wishing to address the Board on a scheduled public agenda item shall sign in with their address at the start of the meeting. At his or her sole discretion, the Board President may permit public comment on issues not listed as a public agenda item.

The purpose of public comment is to give the Board members as much information as possible, not to engage in debate. Board members or administrators may provide answers to questions asked during public comment if the information is readily available and not confidential. Often, however, questions will not be answered but taken under advisement.

The Board will not tolerate abusive or inappropriate language or statements including, but not limited to statements that are: threatening, harassing, illegal, obscene, lewd, vulgar, defamatory, libelous, hostile, or personal attacks. Comments should be directed to the Board, not an individual Board member. Comments may not reference specific Corporation employees, patrons, or students.

The Board President may take appropriate action to maintain order at a meeting. Such actions may include stopping the speaker or limiting comments due to the number of individuals desiring to comment and/or the length of the agenda.

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