

GORE Public Schools Guide to Public Participation at Board Meetings.

Notice: This meeting may be electronically recorded and the recording shall become open public record. This open record may be used as evidence of liable, slander or other criminal offenses. Refer To POLICY BED-R for regulations.

ONE PERSON MAY ADDRESS THE BOE. IF A GROUP IS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD, THEY SHALL APPOINT ONE PERSON TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP. Five Minutes is maximum time allotted.

No person shall use an open meeting of the board to address any issue other than board policy. Personal attacks on school staff, students or BOE members shall not be tolerated. The public participation policy doesn't allow for speaking on employment issues (or students) and that if the patron proceeds to do so they will be asked to yield the floor. Such statements would be deemed an evaluation. Oklahoma law, 70 O.S. § 6-101.10, provides that: ...except for superintendents of independent and elementary school districts and superintendents of area school districts, who shall be evaluated by the local school board, all certified personnel, including administrators, shall be evaluated by certified administrative personnel designated by the local school board.

Patrons should be advised that if the board were to hear such statements, board members could be deemed biased in future employment decisions regarding the individual spoken about.

Oklahoma law provides the administration with the legal authority to request any individual interfering with the peaceful, orderly conduct of school business to leave school premises. 21 O.S. § 1376, S.L.O. § 1039. Any individual who has been instructed to leave school premises is not allowed to return without the written permission of the chief administrative officer for a period of six months.

Request to be heard before the Gore Board of Education:

Person Requesting audience: _____ Date of Request: _____ 20__

Address to send notification to: _____ Phone: _____

Topic to be presented:

Submit all written requests to the office of the Superintendent of Gore Schools, 1200 North Hwy 10, Gore, Ok. 74435 in writing, by fax at 918-489-5664, email: lmccrary@gorepublicschools.org, or in person at the above physical address. The request must be received four business days before a scheduled meeting, barring holidays/weekends, in the office of the superintendent to be considered for placement on the agenda. You will be notified by certified mail of the time, date and location of the hearing if your request is granted. If your request is denied, you will be notified of the reason for the denial and the Gore BOE will be notified of your request and the reason for the denial.

Approved: _____ Denied _____

If approved, petitioner will have five (5) minutes maximum to speak to the board. The board cannot comment, address any questions, or give feedback. Board may only discuss agenda items listed on the agenda as an item to be considered and vote taken by line item.