

Coweta County Board of Education Public Comment Agreement

In order to improve communication between the Board of Education (BOE) and the citizens of Coweta County, the BOE encourages citizens to attend regularly scheduled board meetings and speak on matters of general public education concerns.

Forty-five minutes will be set aside for this purpose at each BOE meeting.

To guarantee an orderly meeting and to ensure that as many people as possible have an opportunity to speak, the BOE has implemented the following rules regarding public comment.

1. Each speaker will be limited to 5 minutes. The BOE will listen to each presentation without comment. After the presentation is made, each board member may respond if he/she wishes to, for a period no longer than one minute each.
2. Only citizens of Coweta County or employees of the Coweta County School System may speak in the public comment portion of the meeting.
3. No grievances will be heard concerning any specific personnel action or any specific county employee except through the grievance procedure set forth in the Board's Personnel Policy.
4. No one will be allowed to discuss any matter involving threatened or pending litigation with the BOE during the public comment portion of the meeting.
5. In the need to preserve order in the meeting, no person attending the meeting will be allowed to boo, hiss, cheer, clap or otherwise show approval/disapproval for any speaker in any manner whatsoever.
6. No signs or placards advocating any action or position will be allowed at the meeting.
7. No personal attacks on any person will be allowed.
8. The Chairman of the Board is responsible for enforcing these rules.
9. No citizen or system employee will be retaliated against, in any manner whatsoever, for speaking on matters of public concern at the BOE meeting.
10. Any person not recognized, within the allotted time period for public comment, will be rescheduled to speak at the next meeting.
11. Requests to speak during the public comment portion of a meeting must be received, at the Board of Education office, no later than 3 hours prior to that meeting being called to order.

I, _____ have read and understand the above rules regarding the public comment portion of a Board of Education meeting, and agree to follow those rules.

I wish to address the Board of Education at the meeting scheduled for _____ on the following topic: _____.

Date

Signature of Participant