

204.13 PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings may be held on school district matters at the discretion of the board. In conducting public hearings required by law, and any other hearings as it deems advisable, the Board will adhere strictly to any statutory requirements that apply to the specific type of hearing and shall seek to conduct the hearings in a fair, open, and objective manner, giving all persons involved an equal opportunity to be heard. Public notice of a public hearing will be in the same manner as for a board meeting except that the notice will be given at least ten days before the hearing is to be held unless it is impossible or impractical to do so, or the law requires otherwise.

The President of the Board, or another member at his/her and the Board's approval, will preside at hearings before the Board.

At the beginning of the proceedings; statements, background materials, and the public hearing rules and procedures will be presented by the board president.

In conformance with customary hearing procedures, statements and supporting information will be presented first by the Board, or by others on behalf of the Board. To address the Board, citizens must be recognized by the chair, provide their name and current address, and all remarks must be addressed to the chair and be germane to the topic. Comments by others are out of order. Individuals who interfere with or interrupt speakers, the board, or the proceedings will be asked to leave.

LEGAL REF: Iowa Code §§ 21; 24.9; 26.12; 279.8; 279.10; 297.22.