Public Address Procedures
Moore County Board of Education

The Board appreciates the public sharing its views, concerns and commendations, and the members will be listening carefully. The purpose of public address is for the Board to hear from members of the public. By policy, the Board will not respond to speakers during the meeting. The Superintendent will follow up with individuals as appropriate.

- Only speakers who have signed up and are present at the meeting may speak.
- The sign-in sheet will be available 45 minutes before the start of Open Session. The deadline to sign up is 5 minutes before the meeting begins.
- The Board allows for two 30-minute periods – one early in the agenda and one at the end. The second 30-minute period is offered only if all registered speakers were unable to speak during the first 30-minute period. Time is limited to 3 minutes per individual speaker – no “yielding” of time to other speakers and no extra time for those speaking on behalf of groups. A clock is displayed on the screen to allow the speaker to know when his/her time is up. The speaker is expected to stop when the countdown is complete.
- If the speaker has some printed information to share with Board members, the items should be handed to the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education, Sonya Potter, who will be responsible for distribution.
- Discussions regarding particular individual employees, student records, or other matters which are required to be kept confidential may not be discussed in this open forum setting. For complaints or grievances by or about individual employees, please reference Board Policy 8450 (Complaints), Board Policy 3900 (Grievance Procedure for Employees) or Board Policy 6902 (Student Grievances).
- All comments must be respectful and civil per ordinary rules of order and decorum.