Research Triangle High School

Public Participation at Board Meetings

The Research Triangle High School (RTHS) Board of Directors recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of hearing from members of the public during the session designated for public comment at its meetings. In compliance with the Open Meetings laws, the public may attend all open meetings of the RTHS Board of Directors.

In order for the Board to complete its planned agenda in an effective and efficient manner, a Public Comment period will be scheduled at each regular monthly meeting of the board. Individuals seeking to address the board must:

1. Sign up at least 2 hours before the start of the meeting by contacting the Board Chair in writing,
2. Their request must include listing the name of the speaker, contact information and the subject of public comment.
3. Each speaker will have no more than two to three minutes to address the board.

Public Comments must follow the following guidelines:

1. All public comments will be directed to the board.
2. No profanity or personal attacks will be permitted.
3. Board interaction with the speakers during the time for public comment is left to the discretion of the Board Chair.
4. Employee complaints are best addressed through the procedures set forth in the board’s Employee Grievance Policy and Procedures.
5. As permitted by law, the board’s discussion of personnel matters or attorney-client privileged issues will be discussed in closed session.

Other than during the designated public comment session of the agenda, discussion from the audience will not be permitted. The Board may, in the discretion of the board Chair, recognize individuals to speak or ask questions. The Chair may choose to answer or refer such questions to the Chief School Officer for consideration and response either during the meeting or within a reasonable time subsequent to the close of the meeting, as appropriate and deemed necessary.