

Bear Valley Unified School District
REQUEST TO SPEAK
Hearing Section

Completion of this form is voluntary. Any person can attend this meeting without completing this form.

Name _____

Please check items that apply:

Address _____

___ Parent

___ Community Member

School your student attends (if applicable) _____

Question/concern: _____

***PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND HAND TO Ms. Shelley Black, Executive Secretary. When asked to speak by the Board President, please step to the podium.

Thank you.

Instructions for Making Public Comments to the Board of Trustees

Unless otherwise approved by the Board, the total time allotted to each person who speaks will be three minutes with a total of 20 minutes allocated for the item. In cases of numerous requests to address the same item, the Board may select representatives to speak on each side of the item.

Comments must be addressed to the Board as a whole and not to individual staff members or District employees. As required by law, Members of the Governing Board can only take action on items listed on the agenda and may not comment on the Public's Comments. Board Members may seek clarification or refer specific concerns to District Staff or appropriate attention.

No person is granted any privilege by the Board to make statements which may be considered defamatory or otherwise actionable by other persons, including District officers and employees

Discussion of personnel matters is inappropriate for open session. Complaints against employees will normally be heard in closed session, and the District's complaint procedure should be followed before discussion with the Board. All charges or complaints against employees shall be submitted to the governing Board under the provisions of governing Board policy. (cf. 1312 – Complaints Concerning School Personnel) . Speakers are cautioned that under California law, no person is immune from liability for making intentionally false or defamatory comments regarding any person simply because those comments are made at a public meeting.

Please note that State Law prohibits the Board from taking any action on items not listed on the agenda.

These procedures are not designed to restrict public criticism of policies, procedures, programs or services of the district, or the acts or omissions of the Board. Legal Reference: Education Code 35145, 35145.5, 72121, 72121.5

If you have any questions regarding these instructions, please see Ms. Shelley Black. Thank you.