## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services recognizes its responsibility to hear and respond to public comment, and therefore encourages public participation at Board meetings.

There will be a specific agenda item at each Board meeting during which anyone who wishes to address the Board may do so. Each speaker shall be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes. The entire public participation period shall be limited to no more than 30 minutes.

Persons wishing to speak shall first be recognized by the President, then identify themselves, any organization they may be representing at the meeting and the agenda topic they wish to discuss. Comments should be kept as brief as possible and relate to school matters.

Critical concerns presented to the Board of Education will be referred to the District Superintendent for resolution, beginning at the initial level of concern (teacher, director, district superintendent, board of education).

The President is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of public participation at Board meetings.