

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **2.221**

The purpose of this Policy is to deal with citizen's input and participation at School Board Meetings and Workshops.

- I. Meetings of the School Board are open to the public. They are, however, not public forums. Any interested person who wishes to address the School Board on any subject within the scope of the Board's authority may do so, provided it is accomplished in an orderly manner and in accordance with the procedures outlined herein and Roberts Rules of Order.
- II. Any interested person may address the School Board on a subject matter, which is within the Board's jurisdiction and is germane to the business of the School Board.
- III. If a member of the audience becomes unruly, the Chair Person has the right to require the person to leave the room, and may order this done by the Police or Sheriff's Department and/or Courthouse Security, if necessary. School Board Policy 2.22(VIII) states that it is unlawful to knowingly disrupt or interfere with a School Board meeting and that any such action may result in a misdemeanor offense of the second degree. If the crowd becomes unruly, the Chair Person may recess and adjourn the meeting.
- IV. Certain matters are improper to be addressed. Those are matters that are completely self serving, such as a person's own political future, or matters that don't involve the School Board. Examples are subject matter of a national level, it has no bearing on the business of the School Board or personal attack.
- V. Each person shall be allowed 3 minutes to speak on a topic unless time is extended by the Board.
- VI. Any member of the audience desiring to speak shall come to the podium and give his or her name, address, and subject matter of the discussion.
- VII. It is the policy of the Calhoun County School Board, that said School Board will not discuss matters involving individual students with persons other than the legal guardian of said student.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

**1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.**

**LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:**

**CHAPTER 112, 120.525, 120.53,  
286.0105, 286.011, 286.0111, 286.012,  
447.605, 877.13, 1001.32, 1001.37, 1001.372,  
1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1006.145, F.S.**

**HISTORY:**

**ADOPTED: 6/15/09**

**REVISION DATE(S): \_\_\_\_\_**

**FORMERLY:**