

Weakley County Board of Education



Monitoring:

Descriptor Term:

Appeals to and Appearances Before the Board

Descriptor Code:

1.404

Issued Date:

10/05/2023

1
2 Any matter relating to the operation of the school system may be appealed to the Board.
3 However, the Board desires that all matters be settled at the lowest level of responsibility and
4 will not hear complaints or concerns which have not advanced through the proper administrative
5 procedure from the point of origin. If all steps of the administrative procedure have been pursued
6 and there is still a desire to appeal to the Board, the matter shall be referred in writing to the
7 office of the Director of Schools and the Board shall determine whether to hear the appeal.

8 9 APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD FOR APPEALS

10
11 Individuals who wish to come before the board for consideration of an appeal must be on the
12 agenda. Individuals will not be heard unless they make a written request five (5) business days
13 before the Board meeting. This policy can be waived by action of the Board.

14
15 Remarks will be limited to five (5) minutes unless time is extended by the Board. The chairman
16 shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who is disruptive or does not
17 adhere to Board rules.¹

18
19 Individuals desiring additional information about any item on the agenda shall direct such
20 inquiries to the office of the Director of Schools.

21 *Public Comment Period*²

22 There shall be a public comment period for each meeting with actionable items on the agenda,
23 with the exception of teacher disciplinary hearings. Comments shall be limited to topics listed on
24 the agenda as indicated. The total public comment period shall be for no more than 12 minutes
25 preceding the Board Meeting. Remarks will be limited to three (3) minutes unless time is
26 extended by the Board and will be limited to no more than two individuals in opposition and two
27 individuals in support of each agenda item on a first come basis. The Chairperson shall have the
28 authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who is disruptive or does not adhere to the
29 Board rules. If an individual wishes to address the Board, he/she shall sign up on the form
30 provided by the Board. This form shall be submitted to the Board office no later than 5:00 p.m.
31 on the day preceding the scheduled Board meeting.

Legal Reference:

¹ TCA 39-17-306

² Public Acts of 2023, Chapter No. 300

Cross References:

1.400 School Board Meetings

1.403 Agendas

5.502 Complaints about School Personnel