

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Wholehearted compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Law is made by the Perry Board of Education. All regular, special, and emergency board meetings are open to the public except during those times the board moves to adjourn to executive session. Executive sessions may be used only to discuss personnel matters, items relating to negotiations, and cases in litigation. No official actions may be taken in such sessions. All final resolutions must be made in public session. The board desires citizens of the district to attend its sessions so that they may become better acquainted with the operation and programs of the schools and so that the board may have opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public.

In order to assure that persons who wish to appear before the Perry Board of Education may be heard and, at the same time, conduct its meetings properly and efficiently, the board adopts as policy the following procedures and rules pertaining to public participation in board meetings.

Anyone wishing to speak before the board, representing either themselves or a group, should inform the superintendent of the desire to do so and the topic as early as possible, but at least ten (10) days before the meeting. This will permit scheduling of the person's remarks on the agenda during that portion of the meeting set up for communications from visitors.

The board president will be responsible for recognizing the speaker, who will give the name, address, and group, if any, being represented.

The length of discussion period will be established by the board; the (maximum) time for individual speakers representing themselves or a group will be twenty (20) minutes.

Any agenda item for which no public participation has been scheduled in advance of the meeting will be acted upon without discussion by the public.

Members of the public are invited to address comments to the board after official business is completed. To be included in this portion of the meeting write the speaker's name and the topic to be addressed on a slip of paper and give it to the clerk of the board before the meeting begins. Speakers are requested to limit remarks to no more than five (5) minutes in order to maintain an orderly and business-like forum.

**REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §5-118**