

Obion County Board of Education

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1 APPEALS TO THE BOARD

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3 Any matter relating to the operation of the school system may be appealed to the Board. However, the
4 Board desires that all matters be settled at the lowest level of responsibility and will not hear complaints
5 or concerns which have not advanced through the proper administrative procedure from the point of origin.

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7 If all steps of the administrative procedure have been pursued and there is still a desire to appeal to the
8 Board, the matter shall be referred in writing to the office of the director of schools and the Board shall
9 determine whether to hear the appeal.

10 APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD

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13 Individuals desiring to appear before the Board must submit a written request with descriptive materials
14 to the office of the director of schools fourteen (14) days before the meeting. If the request is approved
15 by the Executive Committee, the item will be placed on the agenda. Individuals placed on the agenda
16 will be recognized at the beginning of the meeting and given time to speak when their topic of interest
17 is addressed on the agenda. All requests submitted will be included in the board packet.

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19 If an individual wishes to address the Board on an item on the agenda, he/she may sign up on the form
20 provided before the beginning of the board meeting to request time to speak. Delegations must select only
21 one individual to speak on their behalf unless otherwise determined by the Board.

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23 The chair may recognize individuals not on the agenda for remarks to the Board if it is determined that
24 such is in the public interest. A majority vote of members present can overrule the decision of the chair.

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26 Individuals speaking to the Board shall address remarks to the chair and may direct questions to individual
27 board members or staff members only upon approval of the chair. Each person speaking shall state his
28 name, address, and subject of presentation. Remarks will be limited to ten (10) minutes unless time is
29 extended by the Board. The chair shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who
30 is disruptive or does not adhere to Board rules.¹

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32 Individuals desiring additional information about any item on the agenda shall direct such inquiries to the
33 office of the director of schools.

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Legal Reference:

37 1. TCA 39-17-306

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Cross References:

37 School Board Meetings 1.400
38 Agendas 1.403
39 Complaints About School Personnel 5.502
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