

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: SUPERINTENDENT

COMMUNICATION NO. 118-2009/10-S
Prepared by the Office of the Superintendent
for Presentation to the Board of Trustees
November 23, 2009

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 2350 SPEAKERS

A. Background

On November 4, 2009, the City of Palmdale approved a settlement agreement with the District to dismiss the lawsuit it brought against the District in December, 2008. As its only obligation under the settlement agreement to resolve that lawsuit, the District agreed to present to the Board for adoption an amendment to Board Policy 2350 relating to speakers at board meetings.

Added policy language is indicated by bold, underlined text, and deleted text is indicated by strikethrough.

B. Budget Implications

None.

C. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the revision to board policy 2350 regarding speakers at Board of Trustees meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent/President

BP 2350 Speakers

Reference:

Government Code Sections 54950, et seq.;
Education Code Section 72121.5

Persons may speak to the Board either on an agenda item or on other matters of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

Persons wishing to speak to matters both on the agenda and not on the agenda shall do so at the time designated at the meeting for public comment.

Oral presentations relating to a matter on the agenda, including those on the consent agenda, shall be heard before a vote is called on the item.

Those wishing to speak to the Board are subject to the following:

- The President of the Board may rule members of the public out of order if their remarks do not pertain to matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board or if their remarks are unduly repetitive.
- Non-scheduled substitutes may not speak in place of scheduled speakers unless alternates have been submitted on the original request.
- Employees who are members of a bargaining unit represented by an exclusive bargaining agent may address the Board under this policy, but may not attempt to negotiate terms and conditions of their employment. This policy does not prohibit any employee from addressing a collective bargaining proposal pursuant to the public notice requirements of Government Code Section 3547 and the policies of this Board implementing that section.
- They **Each speaker** shall complete a written request to address the Board, **which shall be presented to the Board President no later than the point in the meeting when the matter about** ~~at the beginning of the meeting at which they wish to speak~~ **comes before the Board on its agenda.**
- The request shall include the person's name and name of the organization or group represented, if any, and a statement noting the agenda item or topic to be addressed.
- No member of the public may speak without being recognized by the President of the Board.
- Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of five minutes per topic. Thirty minutes shall be the maximum time allotment for public speakers on any one subject regardless of the number of speakers at any one board meeting. At the discretion of a majority of the Board, these time limits may be extended.
- Each speaker coming before the Board is limited to one presentation per specific agenda item before the Board, and to one presentation per meeting on non-agenda matters.

Adopted: 7/5/05

Revised: 11/23/09