Dickson County Board of Education			
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APPEALS TO THE BOARD NOT RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT OR DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

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

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

Appeals regarding employees and students have their own appeal policy.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD

Individuals desiring to appear before the Board must submit a written request with descriptive materials to the office of the director of schools seven (7) days prior to the meeting. If the request is approved by the Executive Committee, the item will be placed on the agenda. Individuals placed on the agenda will be recognized at the beginning of the meeting and given time to speak when their topic of interest is addressed on the agenda. All requests submitted will be included in the board packet. Each person speaking shall state their name, address, and subject of presentation.

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

 Individuals appearing before the Board shall address remarks to the Chair and Board as a whole may direct questions to individual board members or staff members only upon approval of the Chair. Remarks will be limited to five (5) minutes unless time is extended by the Board. The Chair shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who is disruptive or does not adhere to Board rules.

Legal References

Cross References

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