

OPINION**Retaining public's feedback should be priority for SKSD**

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The following link shows a video of a discussion at the South Kitsap school board's February 21 meeting: <https://youtu.be/HUCY5dS4nXs>. At that meeting the board voted on a revised draft policy on how they will allow public comments; the prior "draft" changes that the board chair wanted incorporated ended up on the cutting room floor!

The lesson for all of us here is to read all SKSD board statements thoroughly and carefully. Over a course of several meetings the South Kitsap School District Board chairman worked to change oral public comments policies. He drafted a new version of the District and Board's Governance Culture Policy (GC-12) on public meetings and public comments.

That recent draft nearly escaped full board scrutiny, but for two of the newest members on the board finding it odd. These two board directors spotted the same ambiguities that many in our community had also spotted and became vocal about at the meeting held on 02-21-24. Corrections were offered, voted on, and approved. The are now incorporated in the SKSD Board/District GC-12 Public Meetings Policy.

Here is the link to those pertinent changes approved and now incorporated in SKSD Board/District GC-12 Public Meeting Policies: <http://tinyurl.com/46hvmpr7>

I believe that if the original draft had slipped through, the district would have found it much harder to pass their upcoming Education, Maintenance, and Operations levy this fall. Here is a link to the complete Governance Polices: <http://tinyurl.com/5n92vupz>.

