

What About Moral & Ethical Bearings? Some Are Absent - Others Have Been Displayed



For illustrative purposes and in their "Own Words" find here a short compilation featuring some of the good and not so good demonstrations of what the South Kitsap School District Board can produce. Below is the link to a compilation of video segments of the SKSD Board meeting held to discuss Public Comments held on 02-21-24. Go here to view 13 or so minutes of the SKSD Board in action: <https://youtu.be/HUCY5dS4nXs>

Word to the wise - read all SKSD Board's words thoroughly and most carefully. Recently the South Kitsap School District Board Chairman (Dr. Jefe Wilson) drafted a new version of the District and Board's Governance Culture Policy (GC-12) on public meetings and public comments. His draft seems to have escaped full board scrutiny but for one of the newest members on the board. She read the draft and spotted the same ambiguities. She offered corrections, the changes were voted on and all five board members approved them.

Had the board chair's version passed, the District would have certainly found it much harder to pass their Education, Maintenance, and Operations levy this fall. I still believe the Chair's first draft was written intentionally to stop all oral public comments. It was indeed a slap in the face to all constituent voters in our community.

Thankfully, "it" was not passed in that draft form. One of the newest board directors stood up and questioned the draft, then offered alternative wording to make it abundantly clear that the board will always permit oral comments at all regular and special board meetings.

It's great to have new blood on this school board. Thank you to the newest board directors who fixed this 'slip-shod' problem. Until something like this occurs again, we all must remain vigilant of school district's actions and intentions.

Needing to know more? Go here: <http://tinyurl.com/5n92vupz> to carefully read some of the other SKSD Governance Policies that the Board Chair has been "working over". There are a lot of them.

UPDATED SKSD BOARD GC-12 POLICY ON ORAL PUBLIC COMMENTS



Policy Type: Governance Culture

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Meetings*

Per the GC-12 Governance Culture Policy, the following changes below to oral public comment have been made as discussed and voted on during the SKSD Board Meeting held on 02-21-24. I still believe "but for" the Board being bird-dogged (I should say Chair Wilson's work being doubled-checked) the changes he wanted to have the policy permit them to allow oral public comment when "he" saw fit would have been implemented. Here is what I found today on Governance Policy GC-12 on Oral Public Comments relevant to having public comment vs allowing public comment when the Board deemed fit.

Oral Public Comment

As an important part of community feedback and input, **the Board will provide an Oral Public Comment section to the agenda for regular meetings. Oral Public Comment will be added to special meetings when needed to gather public input on specific agenda items.** When Oral Public Comment is taken (and/or required by law), and in order to permit fair and orderly expression of in-person public comments, the board will provide a (up to 30 minute) period during which attendees may present directly to the board either in-person or via Zoom.

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