

Board of Education Parental Involvement
Hearing
Monday, July 12, 2021 7:35 PM
Saline County School District 76-0068
501 Main Street
Friend, NE 68359-0067

Board of Education Goals

- **Allocate resources to effectively and efficiently meet the educational needs of the district.**
- **Ensure vertically and horizontally aligned curriculum.**
- **Implement a district instructional program based on current research and best practice.**
- **Provide facilities that maximize student learning opportunities.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Parent Involvement- Policy 6400 Review
3. Public Forum/Citizen's Requests/Comments Related to Agenda Item
4. Adjournment

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEAK DURING PUBLIC FORUM

(Agenda items only) Public comment time is the time to request to speak to items listed on this agenda. The public forum is available for interested parties that are not part of any formal presentation regarding a specific agenda item. Patrons wishing to address the board need to request to be recognized by the Board President or Chair of the meeting prior to the beginning of the meeting.

(Non agenda item) this is the time to request to speak to any nonagenda topic concerning the school district. Since it is not an agenda item, the board cannot discuss or take action at this time. The BOE may choose to place the item on a future agenda for consideration &/or action.

Time Limit: The Board President of chair for the meeting shall have the authority to establish reasonable time limits for individual speakers (generally five minutes) and for the duration of public forum sessions.

Personnel or Student Topic: Patrons wishing to address the board regarding a personnel or student issue need to understand that Board policies require that such concerns initially be directed to the administration for consideration. Board members will generally not respond to any questions or comments directed toward or about individual staff members and/or students. Patrons are cautioned that slanderous comments are not protected just because they are made at Board meeting.

General Rules: Please remember that this is a public meeting for the conduct of the business of the Board of Education. Offensive language, personal attacks and hostile conduct will not be tolerated.

This agenda contains a list of subjects known at the time of its distribution. A copy of the agenda reflecting any changes will be available for public inspection during normal business hours in the office of the Superintendent. Except for the items of an emergency nature, the agenda will not be enlarged later than 24 hours before the scheduled start of the meeting.

InstructionParental/Community Involvement in Schools

Saline County School District #68, Friend Public Schools, after having conducted a public hearing concerning parental involvement and participation in the school district herewith declares that it shall be the policy of the District to provide access to parents to all textbooks, tests, curriculum materials, and any other instructional materials used by the school.

It shall further be the policy of the District in the event any parent has a complaint or objection to any such materials to make such provision for personal conferences with the parent and appropriate school personnel to discuss such concerns as the superintendent or his/her designee may deem appropriate. The superintendent or his/her designee shall cause to be prepared a complaint form which may be used by a parent to express objections to any such instructional material. Such complaint forms shall seek information including, but not limited to, the specific instructional material complained of, the reason for the complaint, and a proposed resolution of the complaint by the parent.

It shall further be the policy of the District to upon reasonable advance request by a parent to attend and monitor courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities, to permit such parent to be in attendance at such activities unless such attendance would substantially interfere with a legitimate school interest.

It shall further be the policy of the district to encourage communications from the parents concerning when a parent believes it to be appropriate for his/her student to be excused from testing, classroom instruction, and other school experiences that the parent may find objectionable. The superintendent or his/her designee shall make a provision on the complaint form hereinabove referred to for receiving information from a parent concerning what specific testing, classroom instruction, or other school experience the parent finds objectionable, the basis for the parent's objection and a proposed solution for dealing with the objection that would be satisfactory to the parent.

It shall further be the policy of the District to provide full access to the records of the students to a parent or guardian all as set forth in Section 79-2,104, the Federal Education Right To Privacy Act, and other applicable law during regular business hours of the school at the school headquarters or wherever the student's records may regularly be maintained by the District.

It is the further policy of the District to notify a parent or parents of any student who may be subjected to a standard norm referenced or criterion referenced test or standard tests such as but not limited to the Iowa Test of Basic Skills or the California Achievement Test, to notify the parent when reasonable to do so, where a sample of such test might be observed and the date upon which such test will be administered. As to all testing by the District, experimental evaluation methodologies, experimental testing instruments and any testing instrument which would tend to inquire into the values, beliefs, or privacy rights of any student, or parent or guardian of such student shall be prohibited unless a parent requests in writing that such tests be administered to his/her resident student.

Prior to any school sponsored survey being administered to the students of the District, it shall be the duty of the superintendent or his/her designee to notify the parent or parents to each student involved in the survey of the nature of the survey, the date and time when such survey shall be administered, and the purpose for which and the uses of which survey exist from the school's perspective.

It shall be the policy of the District as a general matter to leave substantive decision making processes to the professional staff, administration and Board of Education, subject to an effort to receive information from parents as to any concerns, objections, or other information such parents would wish to provide to the school district concerning a parent's access, involvement, and participation in all activities of the school as it relates to the student of the District.

Date of Adoption: July 11, 2007
Board Reviewed December 2011
Board Reaffirmed July 2018