

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. Because the Board desires to hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the district and also needs to conduct it's business in an orderly and efficient manner, it shall schedule one or more periods during each meeting for brief comments and questions from the public. The Board shall set a time limit on the length of this period and/or time limit for individual speakers.

Members of the public wishing to make formal presentations before the Board should make arrangements in advance with the Superintendent so that such presentations may be scheduled on the agenda.

The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing all speakers (who shall properly identify themselves), for maintaining proper order, and for adherence to any time limits set. Members of the public will not be recognized by the President as the Board conducts it's official business except when the Board schedules an interim public discussion.

Comments and questions at a regular meeting may deal with any topic related to the Board's conduct of the schools. Comments at special meetings must be related to the call of the meeting. Speakers may offer such criticism of school operation and programs as concern them. But in public session, the Board will not hear personal complaints against any person connected with the school system.

Questions asked by the public shall, when possible, be answered immediately by the President or referred to staff members present for reply. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the Superintendent for consideration and later response.

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