

Public Participation at Board Meetings

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. The Board believes that citizens of the district have the right and should be encouraged to attend Board meetings, observe Board deliberations and participate at appropriate times. Because the Board needs to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, it shall schedule time during some Board meetings for brief comments and questions from the public. Some public comment periods may relate to specific items on the agenda. The Board shall set a time limit on the length of the public participation time and a time limit for individual speakers.

During times of general public comment at a regular meeting, comments and questions 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. During times of public comment on specific agenda items, comments shall be confined to the topic of the agenda item being considered by the Board. Speakers may offer such criticism of school operations and programs as concern them, but are encouraged to exercise their speech rights responsibly. The Board encourages the discussion of all personnel matters to be conducted in executive session.

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. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the superintendent for consideration and later response.

Members of the public will not be recognized by the president during Board meetings except as noted in this policy.

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

In addition to public participation time during Board meetings, the Board is committed to engaging members of the community on an ongoing basis regarding community values about education during times other than the Board's regular meetings.

The Board does not wish to restrict the scheduled appearances of citizens who have regular business with the Board and whose presentations are listed on the agenda. Participation by employees and their representatives shall be in accordance with law, personnel policies and agreements between the Board and the recognized bargaining units. Employees shall have the right to attend Board meetings in the same manner as other citizens.

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