

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to hear and respond to public comment, and therefore encourages public participation at Board meetings. There will be a specific agenda item at each Board meeting to provide and opportunity to address the Board as these meetings are held in public, but are not public meetings.

A reasonable period of time, not to exceed 30 minutes (which may be waived by a majority vote of the Board), shall be set aside during the Business Meeting for taxpayers, community citizens, school personnel, and school students to openly express themselves directly to the Board. Persons wishing to speak should first be recognized by the President, then identify themselves, any organization they may be representing at the meeting and the agenda topic they wish to discuss. Comments should be kept as brief as possible and relate to school matters.

The President is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the time to be allowed for public discussion, the appropriateness of all such rulings. Board meetings shall adjourn at 11:00 p.m. unless extended for a specific period by a motion of the Board.

Members of the public may participate in a study session which shall occur in between regular meetings. Comments at Study Sessions shall only address items on the agenda. Persons may direct questions to the Superintendent of Schools, a Building Principal or other appropriate district employee after recognition by the President of the Board of Education. Any questions which are not satisfactorily answered may be asked of the Board at the next regular meeting.

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