

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 an opportunity to address the Board.

A reasonable period of time, not to exceed 30 minutes (which may be waived by a majority vote of the Board), may be set aside at Board meetings for public comment. People 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.

Since the Board generally takes action on items presented to them with advance notice, action on items presented by a citizen at a Board meeting will be responded to at a later date.

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 the subject being presented, and suitability of the time for such a presentation. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

Note: Prior policy, Policy Manual, 1120, revised (also replacing prior policies, 8110; 9035)