

BOARD OF EDUCATIONBOARD MEETINGS - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS AND PETITIONS TO THE BOARD

A goal of the District is to maintain open, two-way communication with the public and increase community participation in District activities, including Board meetings. A portion of each regularly scheduled Board meeting will be reserved for citizen and community input.

Any individual or group that wishes to be placed on the Board meeting Agenda should first contact the Board President or Superintendent at least eight working days before the meeting. Individuals and groups addressing the Board must be willing to limit the length of their remarks as requested by the Board. The Board reserves the right to determine whether to include an individual or group on the agenda.

Individuals appearing before the Board are expected to follow these guidelines:

1. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
2. Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, such comments shall be limited to 5 minutes. In unusual circumstances, and when the person has given advance notice of the need to speak for a longer period of time, such person may be allowed to speak for more than 5 minutes.
3. The Board President may deny a person the opportunity to speak for more than 5 minutes. The President may also deny such opportunity to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject.
4. The Board President shall have the authority to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise defined in School Board policy.

Persons addressing the Board should at all times recognize that public business is being conducted and that the privilege to comment or ask questions of the Board includes the obligation to do so with civility and with proper respect for others present, including members of the Board, the administration and staff. Comments or questions should be addressed to policy matters. Criticism or complaints directed personally at employees of the District or members of the Board are not in order during any open meeting, but will be considered, if at all, only in closed session.

The Board President or any member sitting in his or her stead has the right to determine procedural matters of all Board meetings and to enforce the provisions of this policy through appropriate orders.

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At each regular and special open meeting, the members of the public and District employees may ask questions during a public hearing. However, the questions must relate to the specific hearing that was just presented.

Petitions or written correspondence to the Board shall be presented to the School Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois School Code, Sec. 10-6 and 10-16 (105 ILCS 5/10-6, and 5/10-16).

CROSS REF.: 270.07

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