

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

- 1) 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, it shall offer suitable time at all meetings for citizens to be heard.
- 2) In order to assure that persons who wish to appear before the Board may be heard and, at the same time, conduct its meetings properly and efficiently, the Board adopts the following procedures and rules pertaining to public participation at Board meetings:
 - a) The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing all speakers, who properly identify themselves, and for maintaining proper order and obtaining adherence to any time limits set.
 - b) The presentation should be as brief as possible. Unless an extension of time is granted, a speaker shall be limited to five minutes.
 - c) Speakers may offer such objective criticisms of school operations and programs as concern them. However, in public session, the Board will not hear personal complaints of school personnel nor against any person connected with the school system. Other channels provide for Board consideration and disposition of legitimate complaints involving individuals.
 - d) 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.
- 3) The Board vests in its president or other presiding officer authority to terminate the remarks of any individual when they do not adhere to the rules established above.
- 4) Members of the public may be recognized by the President as the Board conducts its official business.
- 5) Persons appearing before the Board are reminded, as a point of information, that members of the Board are without authority to act independently as individuals in official matters. Thus, questions may be directed to individual Board members, but answers must be deferred pending consideration by the full Board.

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