

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving patrons in meetings. The board chairperson has the authority and responsibility to oversee the orderly process of a board meeting, and is responsible for recognizing all speakers, utilizing the following guidelines:

1. Public participation will be permitted only as indicated on the order of business as set forth in the board's agenda, or as determined appropriate by the chairperson.
2. Members of the public will not be recognized while the board is conducting its official business.
3. Members of the public wishing to make formal presentations to the board must make a written request one (1) week in advance, submitted to the district office. Individuals will be notified regarding whether their request to address the board has been granted and, if so, will be provided the approximate time as set forth in the meeting agenda.
4. The board may allow time on the board meeting agenda for general public input. Members of the public wishing to make comments during this time must sign up prior to the meeting on a list that will be provided. This sheet will be collected at the start of each meeting. The Board requires that such participants be either residents or staff. Individuals, after identifying themselves, will proceed to make comments as briefly as the subject permits.
5. Members of the public must be recognized by the chairperson and must preface their comments by announcing their name, address, and group affiliation, if appropriate.
6. A single spokesman must be selected by groups or organizations desiring to address the board in order to avoid repetitious information.
7. Each statement made by a member of the public shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration, or as determined appropriate by the chairperson.
8. All comments must be limited to items directly related to the district. When deemed appropriate by the chairperson, comments and questions at a regular board meeting may deal with any topic related to the board's conduct of schools. Comments at special meetings must be related to the call of the meeting.
9. The board will not hear complaints against personnel or any students in a public board meeting.
10. All statements shall be directed to the chairperson; no member of the public may address or question board members individually.