

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public except for executive sessions which may be convened as provided by law.

Recognizing its responsibility for proper governance of the schools and, therefore, the need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, the Board shall, to the extent possible, schedule a period during each regular meeting for public participation. If necessary, the board shall set a time limit on the length of this period or a time limit for individual speakers. In circumstances where multiple persons wish to address the board with respect to the same topic, the board may require such persons to appoint a designee to convey their concerns. The Board may also set a time limit on the public participation portion of the meeting so as to allow the board to timely address all matters on the agenda.

To achieve orderly meetings, the Board may regulate the conduct of the public and if any meeting is disrupted by a person or group of persons, the Board, in accordance with law, "may order the removal of such person or group from the meeting room and continue in session or may recess the meeting and reconvene at another location."

The Board chairman or his/her designee shall be responsible for recognizing all speakers, who shall properly identify themselves; for maintaining proper order; and for adherence to any time limit set. Questions asked by the public shall, when possible, either be answered immediately by the chairman or referred to staff members present for reply; questions requiring investigating shall be referred to the Board or administrative staff for consideration and later response. Unless otherwise recognized by the Board, members of the public should only make comments during the period of time allocated for public participation.

See also policy:

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