

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. Because the Board wants to hear the viewpoints of the public and also needs to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, it shall schedule time during its second regular Board meeting of each month for brief comments and questions from the public. The Board shall set a time limit on the length of public participation time and a time limit for individual speakers.

Public comments and questions at a regular meeting may deal with any topic related to the Board's conduct of the schools. Speakers may offer such criticism of school operations and programs as concern them, but are encouraged to exercise their speech rights responsibly. The Board encourages the discussion of all personnel matters to be conducted in executive session. The Board president shall be responsible for recognizing all speakers who shall properly identify themselves, for maintaining proper order, and for adherence to any time limits set. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the superintendent for consideration and later response.

The Board delegates authority to the Superintendent to adopt procedures from time to time as necessary to allow the public to participate in regular meetings by electronic means in accordance with this policy.

Members of the public will not be recognized by the president during Board meetings except as noted in this policy.

In addition to the public participation time during Board meetings, the Board is committed to engaging members of the community on an ongoing basis regarding community values about education during times other than the Board's regular meetings.

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