

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

All regular, special and emergency meetings of the board of education shall be open to the public. The board, in its efforts to learn the viewpoints and concerns of the patrons of the district, will provide opportunities for the patrons to give input to the board. A procedure developed to allow optimum efficiency of the school board meeting as well as extensive opportunity for patron input shall be in place at all times.

A public participation time will be available at all regular meetings, and at special and emergency meetings at the discretion of the board president. The president of the board shall recognize speakers, maintain proper order, and establish and comply with time limits, if needed. Board members and administrative staff are not required to respond to questions from the public, since doing so could be in violation of the Open Meeting Act. The board will not vote on items discussed on the public participation section unless the item is already on the agenda or the item meets the legal requirement of new business.

However, questions may be referred to the superintendent for a later report to the board. The board may also choose to place such items on the agenda of a later meeting.

The board will not hear personnel complaints unless proper legal and administrative procedures concerning complaints have been followed. No speeches for or against candidates for political office will be permitted.