

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to hear and respond to public comment, and therefore encourages public participation at Board meetings. There will be a specific agenda item at each Board meeting to provide an opportunity to address the Board.

Agenda Items

A person who wishes to address the Board about a particular item on the agenda, prior to the Board's taking action on that item, may do so by filling out a card identifying the agenda item and his/her name. The card must be presented to the Board President prior to the introduction of that agenda item. The Board President will then call upon the person to speak at the appropriate time. The speaker will be limited to three minutes.

Cards with instructions on their use will be made available to the audience.

Other Items

Persons wishing to speak at the meeting who have filled out the card for addressing an action item, or who are listed on the agenda, will be permitted to speak at the end of the meeting during the period listed on the agenda as AII. Persons Wishing To Address the Board of Education≡. Each such person will be permitted to speak up to three minutes. No more than three people will be permitted to speak on a single topic, unless waived by a majority vote of the Board.

The total time allotted to unscheduled topics shall be 15 minutes. The presiding officer shall be the sole judge of when the aforementioned time limits have expired.

No participation in the conduct of Board business shall be permitted by members of the audience after the Board President has declared the free speaking period closed, unless waived by majority vote of the Board.

Board members will not engage in debate with members of the audience.

There is no requirement that a Board conduct a hearing on any subject.

If necessary, the Board President is authorized to use any legal measures to enforce these regulations.