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 Notice

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education encourages public participation on school related matters at regular meetings of the Board. Time is set aside at the beginning of each regular meeting of the Board for members of the community or other interested parties to express their concerns or ideas. Additional time will be set aside prior to the Superintendent's Recommendation section of the agenda for public input. During these times residents, representatives of district employee unions, private school representatives, interested members of the educational community and others may comment on any aspect of school district operations.

The Board president will be responsible for recognizing speakers, who shall properly identify themselves by standing and stating their name and address and within a three-minute time limit present their concerns to the chair. No person will be recognized for a second time. In most cases the chair will not respond to the proposed question or concern but will direct that the appropriate staff member will contact the concerned citizen to answer the matter or to set up a meeting to explore the matter further.

The Board will not permit in public session discussion involving individual district personnel or students. Persons wishing to discuss matters involving individual district personnel or students should present their comments and/or concerns to the Building Principal during regular business hours. All speakers are to conduct themselves in a civil manner. Obscene language, libelous statements, threats of violence, statements advocating racial, religious, or other forms of prejudice will not be tolerated.

The President shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the time to be allowed for public discussion and the appropriateness of the subject being presented. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such presidential rulings.

All matters that come before the Board, which can be, should first be explored at the building level with the Building Principal, or at the conclusion of that stage with no resolution to the Superintendent of Schools before being entertained at the Board level.

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