

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC EXPRESSION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Education encourages public participation on school related matters at Board meetings. To allow for public participation, a period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes shall be set aside during the regular Board meeting. The period may be extended or suspended by a majority vote of the Board.

Persons wishing to address the Board shall advise the Board prior to the scheduled starting time of the meeting. The request shall be made in writing on a form provided by the District Clerk. Requested information shall include the name of the speaker, the address, name of organization represented (if any), and the topic to be addressed. Any group or organization wishing to address the Board must identify a spokesperson.

Presentation should be as brief as possible. Each speaker will be permitted to speak for three (3) minutes. Speakers may comment on any matter related to District business. The Board cannot and will not permit public discussions 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 a student's teacher, the building administrator or Superintendent during regular business hours.

All speakers are to conduct themselves in a civil manner consistent with Board policy. Obscene language, libelous statements, threats of violence, statements advocating racial, religious, or other forms of prejudice or discrimination will not be tolerated. Speakers and visitors are expected to model the behavior reflected in the District's Code of Conduct.

Persons making presentations at a Board meeting will address remarks to the President and may direct questions or comments to Board members or other district officials only upon the approval of the President. Board members and the Superintendent shall have the privilege of asking questions of persons who addresses the Board.

Without opening the floor to general audience participation, the Board President may call upon staff members or other specially qualified persons whom the Board wishes to hear in relation to a specific agenda topic.

Questions and comments from the public concerning matters which are not on the agenda will be taken under consideration and referred to the Superintendent for appropriate action. Persons wishing to have matters included on the agenda shall contact the Superintendent in accordance with applicable policy and regulations.

The President shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall enact practices to ensure the same. The Board President shall rule on such matters as the time to be allowed for public participation and the appropriateness of the subject being presented. The President shall have the right to discontinue any presentation which violates this policy.