

Guidelines for Public Comment During Open Forum Rondout School District 72 Board of Education

The public is invited to attend the meetings of the Rondout School District 72 Board of Education. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held at Rondout School, 28593 North Bradley Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045. The meetings are generally held in the multi-purpose room or South gym/foyer. Board meeting dates are posted on the website.

While operating under the governor's current executive order, face masks covering the nose and mouth are required at all times in our schools, including for everyone present at Board of Education Meetings. Everyone entering the building will be asked to wear a mask if they are not already wearing one.

All Board meeting agendas provide time for "Open Forum-Questions or Comments from the Public". The public is invited to address the Board during this portion of the meeting. Individuals wishing to address the Board are asked to sign in indicating their name, address and are encouraged to include an email address in the event that follow up may be needed. The order in which individuals have signed in will be the order in which they may provide their comments to the Board of Education during the time for public comment.

In order for the Board to provide an opportunity to hear from the public as well as conduct the business of addressing the items on the agenda, comments will be limited to five minutes per person. To ensure the timely completion of the meeting agenda, visitors are respectfully asked not to repeat comments or questions that have already been presented. When the five minute limit has been reached, if an individual wishes to be heard further, they may be heard again for an additional five minutes after those wishing to address the Board of Education have spoken time permitting. Those making public comment are asked to maintain appropriate levels of civility and courtesy.

While the Board of Education welcomes feedback from the public, their decisions will be based upon their deliberation as an elected body and their charge and responsibility as elected members of the Board of Education. The ultimate determination in any matter is not based on the number of people for or against any issue, but instead is a judgment that considers all aspects affecting and/or affected by the decision including legal constraints, fiscal responsibility, and the interests of the District as a whole.