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Title: Public Participation at Board Meetings

All School Board meetings shall be open to the public, except those authorized by law to be closed. While the public has the right to attend Board meetings, no individuals or groups have the right to enter into the deliberations of the Board unless they have been invited by the Board to do so.

The Board invites the public to speak at regular monthly Board meetings in two ways:

1. A public forum shall be scheduled at the beginning of the Board meeting for the purpose of hearing public comments on items included on the meeting agenda. The Board vests in its Board President, as the presiding officer, authority to recognize all speakers and maintain proper order at Board meetings. Each speaker should receive recognition from the presiding officer and then state his/her opinions briefly and concisely. The presiding officer may limit the time allowed for such presentations.
2. An individual or group may request to be placed on a meeting agenda for the purpose of making a presentation to the Board. Items may be placed on a meeting agenda by submitting an agenda request to the District Administrator or Board President prior to the meeting in accordance with the Board's policy on agenda preparation and dissemination.

The Board shall not discuss or act upon any item of business not included in the public notice of the meeting, except as specifically authorized by law.

LEGAL REF: Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.81, Section 19.83(2), Section 19.84(2), Section 19.85

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