

Regulation

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

The board recognizes the value of public comment on matters of educational interest. In recognition of the value of such input, the board shall periodically review and revise this regulation to ensure that public comment is facilitated.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the board shall provide for public participation at all meetings of the board.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business contained in the agenda and at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- B. The board reserves the right to restrict public participation as may be deemed necessary for the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- C. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer.
- D. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer.
- E. The presiding officer may:
 - 1. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, threatening or irrelevant.
 - 2. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.
 - 3. Call for a recess of the meeting or an adjournment to another time, when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

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Legal References:	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:33-8	Disrupting meetings and processions
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-6 <u>et seq.</u>	<u>Open Public Meetings Act</u>
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:10-6	Board meetings public; frequency; hours of commencement; adjournment, etc., for lack of quorum
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:12-21 <u>et seq.</u>	<u>School Ethics Act</u>
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-1 <u>et seq.</u>	Public Records; Examination and Copies (<u>Open Public Records Act</u>)
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the performance of school districts

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS (continued)

Rice v. Union City Board of Education, 143 N.J. Super 64 (1978)

5 U.S.C. Section 552 as amended by Public Law No. 104-231,110 Stat. 3048
Freedom of Information Act

Garcetti v. Ceballos 2006 U.S. LEXIS 4341(May 2006)

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*1120	Board of education meetings
	*3570	District records and reports
	*6142.10	Technology
	*9121	Election and duties of president
	*9271	Code of ethics
	*9322	Public and Executive Sessions
	*9323/9324	Agenda preparation/advance delivery of meeting material
	*9326	Minutes

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.