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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

All official meetings of the Board shall be open to the press and public. However, the Board reserves the right to meet privately to discuss such matters as are properly considered in executive sessions.

The Board desires citizens of the district to attend its sessions so that they may be heard and, at the same time, conduct its meetings properly and efficiently. The Board adopts as policy the following procedures and rules pertaining to public participation in Board meetings.

Anyone wishing to speak before the Board, representing either himself or a group, should inform the Superintendent of the desire to do so and the topic as early as possible, but a least seven (7) days before the meeting. This will permit scheduling of the person's remarks on the agenda.

The Board President will be responsible for recognizing the speaker; who will give the name, address, and the group, if any, being represented.

The length of the discussion period shall be established by the Board; the time for individual speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes. The length of time for individual speakers may be altered by approval and action of the Board. Comments and questions may deal with any topic related to the Board's operation of the schools. However, comments at special meetings must be related to the reason(s) for the calling of the meeting.

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No Board decisions will be made on the day such subject is presented. The subject may be addressed at a subsequent regular or special meeting. This procedure is expressly adopted for the purpose of allowing opposing views concerning a subject to surface and be examined in due course by the Board.

The Board shall not hear personal complaints unless the proper administrative procedures concerning complaints have been followed. The Board will not tolerate personal attacks on members of the Board or the administrative staff.

Any agenda item for which no public participation has been scheduled in advance of the meeting will be acted upon without discussion by the public.

Questions of information asked by the speaker will, when possible, be answered by the Board president or referred to another member or staff member for immediate reply. Questions requiring Board action shall be deferred for later consideration by the Board.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items at the time of the meeting:**

Public comments will be an agenda item placed on each regularly scheduled board meeting. If a member of the public wishes to make public comments they are to sign up on the sign in sheet at the meeting, indicating which agenda item they wish to speak about, before the public comments item is addressed by the Board of Education. Those making public comments under this item must only make comments about an item on that meeting's agenda. Each individual will be allowed to speak for 3 minutes. This public comment policy was adopted on September 9, 2019.