

STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS REGULATION

The Amber-Pocasset Board of Education wishes to be responsive to the public and to encourage patron attendance and participation at board meetings. In order to effect efficient and businesslike meetings, the board of education sets the following standards for patrons attending board meetings.

1. The clerk of the board will ask all visitors to identify themselves and list their names.
2. The board will permit discussion with audience participation at the board's discretion. When such discussion is allowed, the amount of time allowed for discussion will be five (5) minutes for an individual and ten (10) minutes for a group to address the board. Discussion will terminate at the end of that time limit.
3. No action will be taken by the board on any item addressed which is not on the agenda for the current meeting unless the issue is legally appropriate as new business. New business is any matter that could not have been foreseen by the board, the staff or any patron prior to posting the agenda. New business is only allowed at regular meetings.
4. The board will not permit verbal attacks on any school personnel, nor discuss individuals by name, nor permit slanderous remarks against any such individual. In that event, discussion will automatically terminate.
5. The board will not hear personnel complaints unless proper legal and administrative procedures concerning complaints have been followed.
6. No speeches for or against candidates for political office will be permitted.
7. The clerk of the board will provide, in writing, answers to individuals or to a group spokesman, when directed to do so by a majority vote of the board of education.
8. Questions may be referred to the superintendent for a later report to the board. The board may also choose to place such items on the agenda of a later meeting.

REFERENCE: **25 O.S. 311 (Section 533, School Laws of Oklahoma)**