

SECTION 150 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters. Therefore, the Board will establish a maximum of thirty (30) minutes at the beginning of each regular meeting for purpose of hearing public comment. This time will be utilized by those members who want to address an item not on the Board agenda and those wishing to provide input on an agenda item.

Non-Agenda Item

Any person or group wishing to place an item on the agenda or discuss issues that might not be on the agenda shall submit a request to appear in front of the board for public comment to the District Administrator at least one (1) week in advance of the board meeting. The request shall include:

- A. name and address of the participant;
- B. topic to be addressed;
- C. The District Administrator shall schedule a meeting with the requesting party at their mutual convenience to take place before the board meeting to discuss the topic. Should the person or group choose not to participate in the meeting with the District Administrator, this shall be noted when the person or group is introduced.
- D. The person submitting this request will be limited to maximum of ten (10) minutes of discussion.

Agenda Item

To permit fair and orderly public expression, the Board shall also provide a time during this thirty (30) minute period for public participation/comments on items included on the agenda. Any person interested speaking during this period must sign up with the Board prior to the President calling the meeting to order.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business.
- B. Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the public portion of a meeting.
- C. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name.
- D. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes duration.
- E. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
- F. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.
- G. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- H. Disruptive, abusive, or harassing speech will not be allowed.

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The presiding officer may:

- A. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;

Should the total amount of time required to accommodate all Non-Agenda and Agenda item public comments be exceeded, then the time allocated to each speaker will be reduced proportionally to fit within a 30-minute time period. A majority of the board may waive time limitations and number of speaker limitations for any one meeting.

Board members may choose to respond to public comments, either after an individual speaker is finished or after the public participation period is concluded.

Recording, filming, or photographing Board meetings is permitted. The person operating the equipment should contact the District Administrator prior to the Board meeting to review possible placement of the equipment, and must agree to abide by the following conditions:

- A. No obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
- B. No interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
- C. No commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience or otherwise disrupt the meeting while the Board is in session.

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PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS SIGN UP SHEET

Time shall also be set aside, as the fifth item on the agenda, (under the heading "Public Communication and Petitions) for non-members to address the Board regarding items on the agenda of the meeting. The Board will not hear complaints about school personnel or inappropriate subjects in public session. Each speaker shall be allowed an equal prorata share of time to address the Board not to exceed 30 minutes. Any person wishing to speak under this portion must sign-up with the Board prior to the president calling the meeting to order. A speaker may speak for no more than five minutes. A person who attempts to sign up to speak but who is unable because the Public Communications time periods have been filled, shall be given priority to be a speaker at the next Board meeting. A majority of the Board may waive time limitations and number of speaker limitations for any one meeting.

MEETING DATE

SPEAKER 1

NAME and ADDRESS	TOPIC(s) FOR DISCUSSION

SPEAKER 2

NAME and ADDRESS	TOPIC(s) FOR DISCUSSION

SPEAKER 3

NAME and ADDRESS	TOPIC(s) FOR DISCUSSION

SPEAKER 4

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SPEAKER 5

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