

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues, the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters and desires to hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the district, so it shall schedule one (1) or more periods during each meeting for public comment.

The following guidelines for public comment at Board meetings shall be adhered to:

1. Citizens wishing to address the Board will be asked to register prior to the start of the Public Comments section of the Board meeting. The Board president will recognize all speakers during the public comment portion of the meeting.
2. Each person, when called, shall give his/her name along with the name of any group or organization they represent. The Board president shall be responsible for recognizing speakers and for maintaining order and decorum.
3. General comments will be heard during the public comment portion of the meeting. Comments specific to an agenda item will normally be heard immediately prior to the Board's discussion of the topic.
4. Citizens will limit their comments to three (3) minutes unless an extension is granted by the Board president.
5. Comments and questions may deal with any topic related to District matters. However, discussion of personnel or of individual members of the Board shall not be considered and will be referred to Board policy #870 - Public Complaints.
6. Comments offered at special meetings shall pertain to the reason(s) for the special meeting.
7. Whenever possible, citizen's questions shall be answered by the Board president or by available staff members. Questions requiring additional investigation will be referred to the superintendent for consideration and a later response.

8. District employees may be recognized during this time but only in their private capacity as a taxpayer, parent, or citizen.

LEGAL REF.: Section 19.90 Wisconsin Statutes

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