

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

The regular and special meetings of the Board of Education are open to the public and representatives of the press except that part of any meeting may be designated an executive session as provided by law. (See Board Policy 9322 for details.)

The Board of Education welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals. Advance announcement of all regular and special meetings of the Board of Education is made through posting the agenda and through notices to newspapers.

Any citizen may appear before the Board to express his/her opinion concerning the educational program of the District during any public comment portion of the agenda. The chairperson shall have the latitude to limit public comment to three minutes per speaker.

Board meetings are meetings held in public and are not open hearings. Once the Board moves into the regular agenda the public may participate as allowed by the chairperson and with the following restrictions:

1. Board members shall be recognized first for comments and/or questions;
2. Questions and/or comments by the public may be restricted by the Board chairperson;
3. The chairperson may, at his/her discretion extend or curtail public discussion at any time.
4. Board of Education members and members of the public are requested to abide by the District's Core Ethical Values during all Board of Education meetings.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 §1-21h Conduct of meetings
 §1-21a Broadcasting or photographing meetings
 §1-21b Smoking in public meetings in rooms of public building prohibited
 §1-21c Mailing of notice of meetings to persons filing written request. Fees.

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