



207 PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. PURPOSE

The school board values public input during public hearings. This policy sets clear procedures for receiving that input efficiently. ~~The school board recognizes the importance of obtaining public input on matters properly before the school board during a public hearing, at public hearings as required by law. The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures to efficiently receive public input.~~
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II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school board will follow the procedures in this policy to receive public input in an efficient and orderly manner during public hearings. ~~For the school board to efficiently receive public input at public hearings on matters properly before the school board, the procedures set forth in this policy are established by the school board.~~

III. PROCEDURES

A. Public Hearings

Public hearings are required by law for certain matters, including but not limited to: school closures (Minnesota Statutes section 123B.51), education district establishment (Minnesota Statutes section 123A.15), agreements for secondary education (Minnesota Statutes section 123A.30), the annual Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness review (Minnesota Statutes section 120B.11), and the Truth-in-Taxation hearing on the proposed property tax levy (Minnesota Statutes section 275.065).

In addition, the school board may hold other public hearings on district matters at its discretion. ~~Public hearings are required by law concerning certain issues, including but not limited to, school closings (Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.51), education district establishment (Minnesota Statutes, section 123A.15), and agreements for secondary education (Minnesota Statutes, section 123A.30). Additionally, other public hearings may be held by the school board on school district matters at the school board's discretion,~~

B. Notice of Public Hearings

Public notice for public hearings required by law will be given as required by the applicable statute. For other hearings, notice will be provided in the same manner as a regular meeting if held with a regular meeting, in the same manner as a special meeting if held with a special meeting, or as otherwise determined by the school board. ~~Public notice of a public~~

~~hearing required by law shall be given as provided by the enabling legislation. Public notice of other hearings shall be given in the manner required for a regular meeting if held in conjunction with a regular meeting, in the manner required for a special meeting if held in conjunction with a special meeting, or as otherwise determined by the school board.~~

C. Public Participation

The school board retains the right to designate time, place, and manner unless otherwise directed by law. Speakers shall state their name for the record and refrain from using their time to criticize or complain about anyone using any personally identifiable information. Speakers are expected to be respectful and refrain from the use of profanity or obscenities or conduct that poses a substantial or material disruption to the board meeting. The school board is interested in hearing comments from the public and will listen carefully, but will not respond or debate. Comments made by any others may be ruled out of order and those not abiding by this may potentially be asked to leave. The board chair may offer clarifying comments once the speaker has finished.



Legal References: *Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process for Reviewing Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement Goals; Striving for Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness)*
Minn. Stat. § 123A.15 (Establishing Education Districts)
Minn. Stat. § 123A.30 (Agreements for Secondary Education)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.51 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Uses for School and Nonschool Purposes; Closings)
Minn. Stat. §275.065 (Proposed Property Taxes; Notices)

Cross References: *ISD 200 Policy 206 (Public Participation in School Board Meetings/ Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations)*

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