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Guidelines for Public Comment at School Board Meetings

Public Comment is an opportunity for residents, business and property owners, parents, students and employees of the Faribault Public School District to address the Board. You must sign up in person at the board meeting, and address the Board from the presenters table. Members of the public will address their remarks with civility and respect. After being recognized by the Chair, each individual will identify themselves and the group they represent, if any. Please state your reason for addressing the Board. This is not a time to debate an issue, but for the Board to hear your comments. Public comment is not available at Work Sessions, Closed Sessions or Special Board Meetings of the School Board.

The Minnesota Government Data Practices Act prohibits comment about specific student or staff matters, even without naming them, in open session. This includes the public comment portion of our meeting. The Board respects and values input, but when it relates to a specific student, staff or to a specific matter, such input must be heard by the appropriate personnel, such as the building Principal or Superintendent, and not during an open meeting of the School Board.

Anyone interested in making a Public Comment will be asked to complete an information form before the meeting starts providing their name, address and topic of their comment. All comments must conform to School Board Policy 206 which is available for review on the district website at www.faribault.k12.mn.us. Each speaker will have 3 minutes to make comments on one specific topic. Each topic will have a total of 15 minutes allowed for comments.