

206.2PR Public Comment Procedures

In accordance with Policy 206, section IX, the school board has developed has will develop the procedures for public comment sessions. during the Organizational Meeting, or This procedure may be revised as otherwise necessary at a regular board meeting. Procedures outlined in this supplemental document include the time, place and manner for public comments.

- 1. Meeting start time and day of the week:
 - Practice: During each regular board meeting
- 2. Start time of the public comment session:
 - Practice: Public comments shall begin after the Raider Spotlight
- 3. The location of the public comment session:
 - Practice: Hastings Middle School Media Center
- 4. Are public comment sessions recorded/live streamed:
 - Practice: Recorded and live streamed by HCTV

If public comment sessions will be summarized as outlined in Policy 203.2.

• Current practice: comments are during the regular meeting.

The board chair, prior to opening public comment, will provide speakers, the community, and the board, a reminder of expectations for public comment.

- 1. Data Privacy rules and the penalties for violations in accordance with MN Statute Section 13.09;
- 2. The chair will recognize one speaker at a time, and will rule out of order other speakers who are not recognized;
- 3. Only those speakers recognized by the school board chair will be allowed to speak, and comments by others are out of order;
- 4. Individuals who interfere with or interrupt speakers, school board, or the proceedings may be directed to leave;
- 5. Each speaker will have 3 minutes to address the school board, and there will be a maximum of five speakers;
- 6. If a group or organization wishes to address the school board on a topic, the school board reserves the right to require designation of one representatives or spokespersons to speak on behalf of the group or organization;
- 7. Board members will not provide responses during public comments, unless it is necessary to provide clarifying information to the community; and
- 8. The board invites individuals to follow-up with individual-board members by email or telephone.

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