

**Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board**

For an overall minimum of 30 minutes during each regular and special open meeting, any person may comment to or ask questions of the School Board (public participation), subject to the reasonable constraints established and recorded in this policy's guidelines below. During public participation, there will be a 20-minute minimum total length of time for any one subject. When public participation takes less time than these minimums, it shall end.

To preserve sufficient time for the Board to conduct its business, any person appearing before the Board is expected to follow these guidelines: ~~At each regular and special open meeting, the members of the public and District employees may comment to or ask questions of the School Board, subject to reasonable constraints.~~

~~The individuals appearing before the Board are expected to follow these guidelines:~~

1. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
2. Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, **the time for any one person to address the Board during public participation** ~~comments~~ shall be limited to 5 minutes. In unusual circumstances, and when an individual has made a request ~~in advance~~ to speak for a longer period of time, the ~~individual~~ **person** may be allowed to speak for more than 5 minutes.
3. ~~Observe the Board President's decision to shorten public comment to conserve time and give the maximum number of individuals an opportunity to speak.~~  
**Observe, when necessary and appropriate, the:**
  - a. Shortening the time for each person to address the Board during public participation to conserve time and give the maximum number of people an opportunity to speak;
  - b. Expansion of the overall minimum of 30 minutes for public participation and/or the 20-minute minimum total length of time for any one subject; and/or
  - c. Determination of procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise covered in Board policy.
4. ~~Observe the Board President's decision to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise covered in Board policy.~~
5. **Under no circumstances will a person addressing the Board be permitted to read an anonymous statement.**

6. Conduct oneself with respect and civility toward others and otherwise abide by Board policy, 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*.

Petitions or written correspondence to the Board shall be presented to the Board at the next regular Board packet.