



Book Policy Manual
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0167.3 - PUBLIC COMMENT PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters.

Agenda Item

Any person or group who would like to have an item put on the agenda shall submit their request to ~~wishing to place an item on the agenda shall register their intent with the~~ the District Administrator no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting and include:

- A. name and address of the participant;
- B. group affiliation, if and when appropriate;
- C. topic to be addressed.

Such requests shall be subject to the recommendation~~approval~~ of the District Administrator and the approval of the Board President.

Public Comment-

Participation Section of the Meeting

To permit fair and orderly public expression, the Board may~~shall~~ provide a period for public comment~~participation~~ at any~~every~~ regular meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such comment~~participation~~ in Board meetings.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public comment ~~participation~~ is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public comment~~participation~~ shall be permitted
- B. Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may comment~~participate~~ during the public portion of a meeting.
- C. Attendees must register their intention to comment~~participate~~ in the public portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting. Virtual attendee(s) will submit requests by calling or emailing the District Administrator no later than 4:00

p.m. the day of the meeting.

- D. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer
- E. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration.
- F. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
- G. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.
- H. Participants shall address only topics within the legitimate jurisdiction of the Board.
- I. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- J. The presiding officer may:
 - 1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
 - 2. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 - 3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
 - 4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
 - 5. waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.
- J. The portion of the meeting during which the comment~~participation~~ of the public is invited shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board.
- K. Recording, filming, or photographing the Board's open meetings is permitted. Recording, filming, or photographing the Board's closed session is only permitted pursuant to Bylaw 0167.2 – Closed Session. The person operating the equipment should contact the District Administrator prior to the Board meeting to review possible placement of the equipment, and must agree to abide by the following conditions:
 - 1. No obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
 - 2. No interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
 - 3. No commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience or otherwise disrupt the meeting while the Board is in session.

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