1.0110.01 Open Time

Existing Policy

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The Duchesne County School Board values appropriate feedback and input from the community. The board shall place "open time" on the agenda of any of its regularly scheduled meetings. This is an opportunity for persons who want to inform the board as to their feelings on a certain issue. Those who want to speak should sign up prior to the start of the meeting. The board member conducting the meeting may invite individuals to address the board in a dignified and appropriate manner. The board member conducting the meeting may restrict comments to only certain topics and/or to only certain time limits. Individuals addressing the board need to stay within the specified parameters outlined at the beginning of open time.

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