

School Board

Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board

At each regular and special open meeting, 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. Sign up to address the Board by placing one's full name on the public comment request form prior to the designated period for public comment. The request form will be available to the public for a thirty-minute period immediately preceding the scheduled start time of the meeting and prior to public comment. Individuals who do not sign up prior to the beginning of the Board meeting may be denied the opportunity to do so.
2. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
3. Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, 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 may be allowed to speak for more than 5 minutes.
4. Observe the Board President's decision to shorten public comment to conserve time and give the maximum number of individuals an opportunity to speak.
5. Observe the Board President's decision to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise covered in Board policy.
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 in the next regular Board packet.

LEGAL REF.: 5 ILCS 120/2.06.
105 ILCS 5/10-6 and 5/10-16.

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