

SERIES 100 – BOARD OPERATIONS

Operating Procedures – 180

Public Participation at School Board Meetings (187)

The Board of Education, as a representative body, wishes to provide an avenue for any citizen to express his/her interest in and concern for the schools. Accordingly, the public is invited to attend open sessions of any of the regular and special meetings of the Board.

Receiving citizen input must be balanced against the need for the Board to run a reasonably timed and efficient meeting. With this in mind, a Public Comments section exists on the agenda. During this portion of the meeting, individual citizens may briefly address the Board of Education regarding issues of concern. Such citizens, when recognized by the presiding officer, will give their name and name of the organization they represent, and state their opinion briefly and concisely. If numerous people are present to state their opinions over a topic, a time limit may be imposed at the presiding officer's discretion of three minutes.

If a topic of concern is specifically listed on the agenda, the public should wait until that agenda item is being discussed by the board before sharing public opinions.

The Board will, whenever possible, be responsive to questions raised.

Cross Reference: Policy 172 – Agenda Preparation for Regular Monthly Board Meetings

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