

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education encourages public participation by District residents on school related matters at Board meetings. To allow for public participation, a period not to exceed 20 minutes, shall be set aside during both the first part of the Board meeting and at the end of each Board meeting.

Public comments should be as concise as possible. Speakers may comment on any matter related to District business.

The Board will not permit, in public session, discussion involving individual District personnel or students. Persons wishing to discuss matters involving individual District personnel or students should present their comments and/or concerns to the Superintendent during regular business hours.

The President shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the time to be allowed for public discussion and the appropriateness of the subject being presented. The President shall have the right to discontinue any public comment which violates this policy.

Ref: *Matter of Martin*, 32 EDR 381 (1992)
Appeal of Wittenben, 31 EDR 375 (1992)
Matter of Kramer, 72 EDR 114 (1951)
NYS Department of State, Committee on Open Government,
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