

School Board

Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board

At each regular and special open meeting, any person may comment or ask questions of the School Board, subject to reasonable constraints established and recorded in this policy's guidelines below:

1. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
2. The public participation section of the agenda shall be limited to a thirty (30) minute maximum, which may be extended at the discretion of the Board President.
3. Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per individual. In unusual circumstances, and when an individual has made a request to speak for a longer period of time, the individual may be allowed to speak for more than three (3) minutes at the discretion of the Board President.
4. Observe, when necessary and appropriate, the Board President's decision to shorten public participation in order to maintain decorum, or so as to not interfere with the orderly transaction of business, or to 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. The Board, at its option, may elect not to respond to any questions or comments. Issues may be taken under advisement as the Board deems appropriate.
7. 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: 5ILCS 120/2.06
105 ILCS 5/10-6 and 5/10-16.

CROSS REF: 2:220 (School Board Meeting Procedure), 8:10 (Connection with the Community), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

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