

Public Participation at Board Meetings

The Board of Education allots in each of its regularly scheduled meetings up to one-half hour for citizens' participation. This allocated time occurs approximately thirty minutes after the meeting begins.

Citizens are encouraged to refer school-related problems to appropriate school personnel rather than initiate these during Board meetings. If problems have not been resolved through the administrative process, a speaker should indicate efforts made to bring about such a resolution. The presiding officer will make every effort to recognize speakers in the order in which they seek recognition and/or have signed the Speaker Register. Speakers are to give their names and whether they are speaking as an individual or organization.

The major purpose of citizens' participation is for the Board of Education to hear citizens' views on ways to improve the educational program and ways to improve the processes, including communication for bringing about such improvements.

Personnel matters are not appropriate topics to be discussed at regular Board meetings. Decorum requires that such matters be entertained in executive session as arranged by the Board.

Members of the public speaking as individuals will be allotted up to three minutes and members speaking for organizations up to five minutes. If time does not permit all those wishing to speak to do so, the sign up sheet will be utilized to determine those persons to be recognized first at the next regularly scheduled meeting.