

Community Relations

SUBJECT: PUBLIC EXPRESSION AT MEETINGS

All meetings of the Board shall be conducted in public, and the public has the right to attend all such meetings. Public expression at such meetings shall be encouraged. The public discussion period will be the first and last items on the agenda at each regular meeting. Any person wishing to address the Board must first be recognized by the President or presiding officer. The person shall state his or her name and shall limit his or her remarks to five minutes. The total discussion period shall not exceed thirty minutes unless extended at the discretion of the President.

Questions raised during the public discussion period shall be referred to the Superintendent to prepare a response by the next meeting. The questions may be requested in writing to ensure clarity. The Board will not respond to speakers during the meeting. However, inaccurate information may be addressed and clarifying questions may be asked.

The sense of the remarks made by the citizens are to become part of the Minutes. At its discretion, the Board may invite visitors to its meetings to participate in the Board's discussion of matters on the agenda.

Important Note: Complaints about particular school personnel are to be handled by the Board of Education in a manner that appropriately recognizes the interests of the staff and community. The Board shall not entertain complaints concerning individual school district personnel in a public meeting of the Board.

Any individual making a complaint concerning district personnel shall be referred to the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent shall then investigate the complaint and make a determination concerning what action if any is appropriate. The Superintendent shall inform the Board, the employee and the individual making the complaint concerning the resolution of the complaint.

The Board of Education reserves the right to enter into executive session as specified in Policy #1730 -- Executive Sessions.

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #3230 – Public Complaints