

School Board of Education

Public Participation at School Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board

~~At~~For an overall minimum of 30 minutes during each regular and special open meeting, ~~members of the public and District employees~~any person may comment ~~onto~~ or ask questions of the School Board, ~~(public participation)~~, subject to the reasonable constraints ~~established and recorded in this policy's guidelines~~ below. During public participation, there will be a 20-minute minimum total length of time for any one subject. When public participation takes less time than these minimums, it shall end.

~~The individuals~~To preserve sufficient time for the Board to conduct its business, any person appearing before the Board ~~are~~is expected to follow these guidelines:

1. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
2. Identify ~~him or herself~~oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, ~~such comments~~the time for any one person to address the Board during public participation shall be limited to ~~5~~five minutes. In unusual circumstances, and when ~~the person an individual~~ has ~~given advance notice of the need~~made a request to speak for a longer period of time, ~~such~~the person may be allowed to speak for more than ~~5~~five minutes.
3. Observe, ~~when necessary and appropriate, the:~~
 - ~~3-a. Shortening of the time for each person to address~~ the Board ~~President's decision to shorten~~during public ~~comment~~participation to conserve time and give the maximum number of ~~individuals~~people an opportunity to speak.;
 - ~~b. Observe the Board President's decision to determine~~Expansion of the overall minimum of 30 minutes for public participation and/or the 20-minute minimum total length of time for any one subject; and/or
 - ~~4-c. Determination of~~ procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise covered in Board policy.
 - ~~5-4. 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 ~~of Education at~~in the next ~~regularly scheduled~~regular Board ~~meeting~~packet.

LEGAL REF.: 5 ILCS 120/2.06, Open Meetings Act.
 —105 ILCS 5/10-6 and 5/10-16.

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

ADOPTED: November 6, 2001

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