

## **Board of Education**

### **Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board**

At each regular and special open meeting, ~~the~~ members of the public and District employees may comment on or ask questions of the Board, subject to reasonable constraints.

The individuals appearing before the Board are 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 and be brief. Ordinarily, such comments shall be limited to 5 minutes. In unusual circumstances, and when the person has given advance notice of the need to speak for a longer period of time, such person may be allowed to speak for more than 5 minutes.
3. *Observe the Board President's decision to* ~~may shorten or lengthen a person's public comment to conserve time and give the maximum number of individuals an~~ opportunity to speak. ~~The President may also deny the opportunity to speak to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject within the past 2 months.~~
4. *Observe the Board President's decision* ~~shall have the authority~~ to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise defined *covered* in Board of Education policy.
5. *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 the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

LEGAL REF.: *5 ILCS 120/2.06.*  
105 ILCS 5/10-6 and 5/10-16.

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

ADOPTED: November 6, 2001