

School Board

Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board

At each regular and special 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 during the “Communications, Public Comments & Participation” portion of the agenda and/or when recognized by the Board President or chairperson.
2. Identify him or herself and be brief. Ordinarily, such comments shall be limited to five (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 five (5) minutes. Ordinarily, no more than fifteen (15) minutes of discussion by members of the public will be permitted for each side of an issue with a maximum allotment of thirty (30) minutes per issue.
3. The Board President, or chairperson, may deny a person the opportunity to speak for more than five (5) minutes. The President, or chairperson, may also deny such opportunity to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject.
4. The Board President shall have the authority to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise defined in School Board 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 School Board 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 (School Board Meeting Procedure),
8:10 (Connection with the Community), and
8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property).

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