

School Board

Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board

At each regular and special open meeting, 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 oneself 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. Accept the Board President's decision to shorten 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. Accept the Board President's decision to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise covered in School Board policy.
5. Conduct oneself with respect and civility toward others and otherwise abide by Board policy, 8:30, *Conduct of Visitors 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.: 5ILCS 120/2.06.
105 ILCS 5/10-6 and 5/10-16.
CROSS REF.: 2:220 (School Board Meeting Procedure)

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