

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. Because the Board desires to hear the viewpoints of the citizens throughout the District, and also needs to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, it shall schedule one or more periods during each meeting for brief comments and questions from the public. It may set a time limit on the length of this period and/or a time limit for individual speakers.

Members of the public wishing to make formal presentations before the Board should make arrangements one (1) week in advance with the superintendent so that such presentations may be scheduled on the agenda.

Comments and questions at a regular meeting may deal with any topic related to the Board's conduct of the schools. Comments at special meetings must be related to the call of the meeting. Speakers may offer such criticisms of school operations and programs as concern them. In the public Board session, the Board will not hear personal complaints against any personnel connected with the school system.

The board chairperson shall be responsible for recognizing all speakers, who shall properly identify themselves, for maintaining proper order, and for adherence to any time limits set. Questions asked by the public shall, when possible, be answered immediately by the chairperson or referred to staff members present for reply; questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the superintendent for consideration and later response.

In accord with its policy confirming the right and desirability of the public's expressing its point of view to the Board, delegations or individuals are welcome at all meetings. However:

1. Matters concerning an individual school shall be discussed first with the principal of that school;
2. If the problem cannot be resolved at the school, it shall then be brought to the Superintendent of Schools;
3. If the problem cannot be resolved with the Superintendent of Schools, it may then be brought to the Board in the following manner:
 - A. It is desirable that the request or problem be submitted in writing to the Board prior to the meeting;
 - B. Participants shall identify whom they represent and shall be asked to comment on their questions or problems;

- C. Appeals of administrative decisions shall be heard in executive session if criticism of personnel is involved;
- D. In cases of emergency, of which the superintendent and/or the Board shall be the judge, stipulations concerning prior conferences and appointments may be dispensed with by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees present.



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