

Public Participation at Meetings

The Board recognizes the importance of citizen participation in District matters. In order to assure citizens are heard and Board meetings are conducted efficiently and in an organized manner, the Board may set time aside for citizen participation, either at a specific time during the meeting or during the discussion of agenda items. If the pressure of business or other circumstances dictate, the Board president may decide to not set time aside for citizen participation.

Citizens wishing to address the Board on a certain agenda item must notify the Superintendent prior to the board meeting. Citizens wishing to present petitions to the Board may do so at this time. However, if a petition is presented, the Board will only receive the petition and not act upon it or its contents. The Board has the discretion to limit the amount of time set aside for public participation.

If the Board has set time aside for citizen participation and citizens wish to address the Board, the Board president will recognize these individuals to make their comments at the appropriate time. The orderly process of the Board meeting will not be interfered with or disrupted. Only those speakers recognized by the Board president will be allowed to speak. Comments by others are out of order. If disruptive, the individual making comments or another individual causing disruption may be asked to leave the Board meeting.

Individuals who have a complaint about an employee may ask the Board to hear their complaint only after they have followed the Board policy addressing citizen complaints. Students who have a complaint may ask the Board to hear their complaint only after they have followed Board policy addressing student complaints.

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