

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. Because the Board desires to hear the viewpoints of 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. The Board may set a time limit on the length of this period and/or time limit for individual speakers.

During times of general public comment at a regular meeting, comments and questions 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 criticism of school operations and programs as concern them, but are encouraged to exercise their speech rights responsibly. The Board encourages the discussion of all personnel matters to be conducted in executive session.

The Board president 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 president or referred to staff members present for reply. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the superintendent for consideration and later response.

Members of the public will not be recognized by the president of the Board during Board meetings except as noted in this policy.

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

In addition to public participation time during Board meetings, the Board is committed to engaging members of the community on an ongoing basis regarding community values about education during times other than the Board's regular meetings.

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LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 24-6-401 *et seq.* (*open meetings law*)

CROSS REF.: KE, Public Concerns and Complaints