

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education encourages public participation at its meetings in accordance with New York State law. There will be a specific agenda item at each Board meeting to provide members of the school community an opportunity to address the Board regarding agenda items and other concerns that can be legally discussed at a public session of the Board.

The Board shall establish a reasonable time period for such discussion and procedures to be followed by *district residents* who wish to address the Board with a limitation of five (5) minutes per individual. The Board reserves the right to extend such time limit by formal action.

The Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to develop a regulation that establishes reasonable procedures to implement and execute this policy.

The President of the Board shall be responsible for recognizing individuals wishing to address the Board, determining if the actions and or comments of the individual are in accordance with this policy and accompanying regulation and for taking action to advise any member of the community that he/she is out of order.

References:

Public Officers Law § 103 (Open Meetings Law)

Matter of Appeal of Kramer, 72 St. Dept. R ep 114 (1951)

Matter of Thomas, 10 EDR 108 (1971)

Advisory Opinion of Counsel, Committee on Open Government, OML-AO-2717(1997)

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