

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings of the Board and Board-appointed committees are open to the public.

In order for the Board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of 30 minutes of public participation may be permitted at each meeting.

Each person addressing the Board shall provide his/her name and address on the designated attendance sheet and state what topic they wish to discuss. If several people wish to speak, each person is allotted three minutes until the total time of 30 minutes is used. During that period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the Board.

Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the Board to be placed on the regular agenda. A person who wishes to have a topic discussed by the Board at a meeting must contact the Central Office by the Thursday before the regular Wednesday meeting so the topic can be researched for inclusion on the agenda.

Agendas are available to all those who attend Board meetings. The section on the agenda for public participation shall be indicated. Noted at the bottom of each agenda shall be a short paragraph outlining the Board's policy on public participation at Board meetings.

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Legal Refs.: ORC 121.22  
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Cross Refs.: BCE, Board Committees  
BD, School Board Meetings  
BDDB, Agenda Format  
BDDC, Agenda Preparation and Dissemination