

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK:
This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may speak to the board about matters of public concern.

- **Getting Started:** When you have been recognized, by the Board President please stand, state your name, and identify the topic you wish to discuss.

Groups of people that wish to address the Board on the same issue shall designate one speaker and have that person represent the group during Open Forum.

The following rules will govern the Open Forum portion of the meeting:

1. The Open Forum portion of the meeting will take no longer than 30 minutes.
2. Each speaker will be given 3 minutes to speak. This may be extended to 5 minutes depending on the amount of requests received. Time cannot be accrued from other speakers.
3. The speaker may only address the Board on matters relating to the District.
4. Individual students OR personnel will not be discussed during Open Forum.
5. At any time, the Board President or Superintendent can stop a speaker if the speaker engages in inappropriate discussion.
6. The speaker must wait until they are acknowledged by the Board President before speaking.
7. The speaker and Board will not use profane or vulgar language.
8. The speaker and Board will not engage in making personal attacks.
9. Board members will listen to the comments made during Open Forum. The Board may ask clarifying questions during the speaker's time.
10. Responses from the Board will be limited to correcting misstatements of facts, referring the speaker to applicable Board Policies, or referring the speaker to appropriate administrative staff members.
11. No items will be added to the meeting agenda as a result of Open Forum. Items may be placed on the NEXT board agenda at the discretion of the Superintendent and Board President.

Related Policy: "2015 - Open Forum", "2009 - Public Participation at Board Meetings"

Related Forms: "Open Forum Request Form"