

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

All Board of Education meetings shall be open to the public, except executive sessions. While the public has the right to attend such meetings, no individuals or groups have the right to enter into the deliberations of the Board. They may take part in the discussion only when the Board invites them to do so.

Because the Board desires to hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the District, opportunity will be provided for the public to speak at regular Board meetings in accordance with established procedures. Identified work sessions or ad hoc committees may be exempted from the public's right to speak at the discretion of the committee chairperson.

The Board shall not discuss or act upon any item of business not included in the public notice of the meeting. If a subject that was not specifically noticed comes up at a board or committee meeting, the board should refrain from engaging in any form of information gathering or discussion or from taking any action that would deprive the public of information about the conduct of governmental business. In such cases, the school board should limit itself to:

1. Answering basic questions from the public that do not require discussion or deliberation,
2. Placing the matter on a future agenda, or
3. Referring the matter to an official or a committee.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 19.81 Wisconsin Statutes
19.84
19.85

CROSS REF.: 187-Rule, Guidelines for Public Participation at Board/Meetings
171.1, Public Notification of Board Meetings
171.2, Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
173, Executive Sessions
870, Public Complaints

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