

## Community Relations

### Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

The regular and special meetings of the Board of Education are open to the public and representatives of the press except that a part of any meeting may be designated an executive session as provided by law.

The Board of Education welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals. Advance announcement of all regular and special meetings of the Board of Education is made through posting the agenda, through notices to newspapers, and directly to citizens and community and professional organizations who specifically request such notification. A reasonable charge may be made for those persons or organizations requesting advance announcements of meetings and agenda backup materials.

Board meetings are meetings held in public and are not open hearings. Once the Board moves into regular agenda the public may participate as allowed by the Chairperson and with the following restrictions:

1. Questions and/or comments are to be restricted to the specific agenda item being discussed;
2. Board members shall be recognized first for comments and/or questions;
3. Questions and/or comments by the public may be restricted by the Board Chairperson;
4. The Chairperson may, at his/her discretion, curtail public discussion at any time.

Any citizen may appear before the board to express his/her opinion concerning the educational program of the district. The public is advised that any discussion of specific Board employees, other than the Superintendent, will not be allowed at meetings and should be addressed to that employee's immediate supervisor. The Board agenda provides opportunities for comments and questions from persons attending the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Board should give their names and addresses.

(cf. 1312 Public Complaints)

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### **Board of Education Meetings (continued)**

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-225 Meetings of government agents to be public.

1-230 Regular meetings to be held pursuant to regulation, ordinance or resolution.

1-232 Conduct of meeting.

10-238 Petition for hearing by board of education.

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