

PROCEDURES AND RULES PERTAINING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

Regular, special, and emergency meetings of the Board of School Directors are open to the public. The Board of School Directors, as an elected representative body of the school district, wishes to provide an opportunity for citizens to express interests and concerns related to the school district. The public is cordially invited to attend Board meetings.

Board meetings are conducted for the purpose of carrying on the official business of the school district. The meetings are not public forum meetings, but are meetings held in the public. All meetings, except executive sessions, will be open to the public.

Orderly conduct of a meeting does not permit spontaneous discussion from the audience. Individuals or organizations desiring to make requests, presentations or proposals to the Board will be provided that opportunity.

A time limit for each speaker to comment may be set at five minutes. If the speaker has a question, the Board requests a written copy of the question to be presented to the Board before or at the conclusion of the public speaking time. The Board vests in its president or other presiding officer/authority to permit, prohibit or terminate the remarks of any individual or group of individuals when they do not adhere to the rules established above.

Persons appearing before the Board are reminded, as a point of information, that members of the Board are without authority to act independently as individuals in official matters. Thus, questions may be directed to individual Board members, but answers must be deferred pending consideration by the full Board.

Board Committee-of-the-Whole Work Sessions *(First Wednesday of the Month)*

Agendas will be posted online prior to the meeting, and copies will be made available to the public approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of each meeting.

- A time will be provided for the public to address a specific agenda item at the end of each committee session.

- People who wish to address the Board regarding a non-agenda item must call Heather Stricker, Board Recording Secretary, in the Central Administration office at (610) 693-8545 between Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. of the week of the meeting (the first Wednesday of the month). The speaker's name, address, telephone number and topic to be addressed must be stated to be placed on the speaker's list. The community input from the name(s) on the sheet will be heard by the Board as one of the last items on the agenda.

Regular Official Board Meeting *(Third Wednesday of the Month)*

Agendas will be posted online prior to the meeting, and copies will be made available to the public approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of each meeting.

People who wish to address the Board must call Heather Stricker, Board Recording Secretary, in the Central Administration office at (610) 693-8545 between Monday at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. of the week of the Regular Official Board meeting (the week of the third Wednesday of the month). The speaker's name, address, telephone number and the topic to be addressed must be stated to be placed on the speaker's list. The Board will hear those who have signed up to speak under "Presentations" on the agenda.