

All regular and special meetings of the Board of Education shall be open to the public as required by law. Because the Board desires to hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the district, it shall offer suitable time at regular meetings for citizens to be heard.

Recognizing its responsibility for proper governance of the schools in an orderly and efficient manner, the Board shall schedule a Public Participation Period on each Regular Board meeting agenda. The board shall listen to citizen views but not discuss or act on any item of business not specifically included in the public notice of the meeting. All remarks on non-agenda items will be addressed to the Board with discussion among citizens present not permitted. Board members may ask questions of a speaker; however, no formal deliberations will be allowed during the Public Participation period.

Comments and questions at a Board meeting may deal with any topic related to district operations and programs.

The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing all speakers, who shall properly identify themselves for maintaining order and for adherence to any time limit set. Questions asked by the public shall, when possible, be answered immediately by the President or referred to staff members for reply; questions requiring an investigation shall be referred to the Board or administrative staff for consideration and later response.

Staff members wishing to present concerns before the Board must go through administrative channels established for the hearing of staff viewpoints, complaints, or grievances. A staff member may be heard by the Board as a member of the general public when the subject on which she/he wishes to be heard relates to her/his role as parent, concerned citizen, or taxpayer rather than to her/his role as staff member.

The Board vests in its President or other presiding officer authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who does not adhere to the rules established above.

LEGAL REF.: 19.81, 19.83(2), 19.84(2), 19.85 Wisc. Statutes

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