

2:230 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board

For a maximum of 40 minutes during each regular and special open meeting of the Board, members of the public and District employees may comment to or ask questions of the Board, subject to reasonable constraints established and recorded in this policy's guidelines below. The time limit for public participation at a meeting may be extended upon the majority vote of the Board members at the regular or special meeting.

The individuals appearing before the Board are expected to follow these guidelines:

1. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President. This includes following the directives of the Board President to maintain order and decorum for all.
2. Sign up to speak on the sign-in sheet before 7 p.m.
3. Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, comments shall be limited to three minutes. In unusual circumstances, and when an individual has made a request in advance to speak for a longer period of time, the Board President may allow an individual to speak for more than three minutes. If multiple individuals wish to address the Board on the same subject, the group is encouraged to appoint a spokesperson.
4. Observe the Board President's decision to shorten individual public comment time allotments and give the maximum number of individuals an opportunity to speak
5. Observe the Board President's decision to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise covered in Board policy.
6. Conduct oneself with respect and civility toward others and otherwise abide by Board policy, 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*.
7. The first public comment session will ordinarily be limited to twenty minutes total in order to allow the Board to complete the business portion of the meeting.

Petitions or written correspondence to the Board shall be presented to the Board in the next regular Board packet.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-6](#) and [5/10-16](#).

[5 ILCS 120/2.06](#), Open Meetings Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:220 (Board of Education Meeting Procedure), 8:10 (Connection with the Community), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

ADOPTED: August 1, 2022

Aurora East USD 131