

Section 2 - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

For a maximum of 60 minutes during each regular and special open meeting of the Board of Education or Board Committee, any person may comment on or ask questions of the Board, subject to the reasonable constraints established and recorded in this policy's guidelines below.^{c1} 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 Board listens to comments or questions during public participation; responses to comments to or questions of the Board are most often managed through policy 3:30, *Chain of Command*.

To preserve sufficient time for the Board to conduct its business, any person appearing before the Board is expected to follow these guidelines:

- . 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.
- . Use a sign-in sheet, if requested.
- . Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, such comments shall be limited to 3 minutes. In unusual extenuating circumstances, e.g., to accommodate a person's disability or language interpreter, 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 3 minutes. If multiple individuals wish to address the Board on the same subject, the group is encouraged to appoint a spokesperson.
- . Observe, when necessary and appropriate, the Board President's authority to:
 - a. Shorten public comment to conserve time and give the maximum number of individuals an opportunity to speak.
 - b. Determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise covered in Board policy.
- . Conduct oneself with respect and civility toward others and otherwise abide by Board policy, 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*.

Petitions or written correspondence to the Board shall be presented to the Board of Education at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

LEGAL REF.:

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

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

[I.A. Rana Enterprises, Inc. v. City of Aurora, 630 F.Supp.2d 912 \(N.D.Ill. 2009\).](#)

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

Joliet Township High School District 204

PRESSPlus Comments

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