

Board Operations**Methods of Operation****Public Participation at Board Meetings**

The School Board encourages citizens of the District to attend its meetings so that they may become better acquainted with the operations and programs of the schools and so that the Board may have an opportunity to hear the views and concerns of the public regarding educational issues.

A period of public comment shall be scheduled at the beginning and end of each regular and special Board meeting except those held in closed session.

Citizen comments during the period for public comment at regular monthly Board meetings may address any topic related to District operations and programs. During the public comment period, the Board shall not consider or discuss complaints or grievances regarding individual staff members. Such concerns should be initially brought to the staff member's immediate supervisor or submitted as a complaint in accordance with District complaint procedures. The Board shall listen to citizen views and concerns but shall not act on any matter that was not specifically included in the public notice of the meeting.

The Board President shall recognize all speakers. Each person when called upon will give his/her name and address and the name of any group they represent. Speakers shall be as brief as possible and only speak once during the period of for public comment. Discussion of any single item may be limited at the discretion of the Board President.

The Board President may terminate remarks of any individual who does not adhere to established rules for public participation at Board meetings, who speaks in a threatening or profane manner, or who is otherwise unable to conduct him/herself in a civilized manner.

Legal References: **Section 19.81, 19.83(2), 19.84(2), and 19.85 – Wisconsin State Statues**

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