



Book	Policy Manual
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### **Public Participation at Board Meetings**

All meetings of the Board and Board-appointed committees are open to the public.

In order for the Board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of 30 minutes of public participation may be permitted at each meeting. If a person wishes to address the Board, the Superintendent must be contacted within three (3) working days prior to the regular meeting of the Board.

The Superintendent will then place the visitors on the agenda for the regular Board meeting.

Each person addressing the Board shall give their name and address. Each individual requesting to speak will be allotted three (3) minutes until the total time of 30 minutes is used. During that period, no person may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard unless the Board requests further discussion. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the Board, present and voting.

All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

if needed, the presiding officer may:

1. prohibit public comments that are frivolous, repetitive, and/or harassing;
2. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, off-topic, antagonistic, obscene, or irrelevant;
3. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
4. request assistance of the law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
5. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

Agendas are available to all those who attend Board meetings. The section on the agenda for public participation shall be indicated. Noted at the bottom of each agenda shall be a short paragraph outlining the Board's policy on public participation at Board meetings.

Legal [ORC 121.22](#)

[ORC 3313.20](#)

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References

[BCE - Board Committees](#)

[BD / BDA / BDB - School Board Meetings/Regular Board Meetings/Special Board Meetings](#)

[BDDDB - Agenda Format](#)

[BDDC - Agenda Preparation and Dissemination](#)

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