

PUBLIC EXPRESSION AT MEETINGS

All regular and special meetings of the Board of Education shall be open to the public. The public is invited and encouraged to attend Board meetings and will be given a reasonable time to voice opinions, recommendations, problems, and constructive criticism.

The Board recognizes its responsibility to conduct the business of the District in an orderly and efficient manner and will therefore require reasonable controls to regulate public presentations to the Board. A person wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the President. He/she shall then identify himself/herself and proceed with his/her comments as briefly as the subject permits. (The Board may request specific information of the visitors as well as limit time).

The President is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as to the appropriateness of the subject being presented and the suitability of the time for such a presentation. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

Each person wishing to exercise the privilege of the floor shall be allowed five minutes in which to address those matters of interest. Should the matter to be presented require more than five minutes, the President may require a summary statement to be prepared and distributed to the Board prior to the meeting at which the presentation is to be made.

The amount of time to be spent in extending the privilege of the floor to persons in attendance shall be limited to fifteen minutes, except that the Board may vote to extend same.