



OPEN FORUM GUIDELINES

The School Board allows public participation at its meeting, but at the same time has the responsibility for conducting its business in an orderly fashion. The Chairperson will provide the audience with an opportunity to speak during the Open Forum portion of the meeting. Citizens wishing to speak are asked to complete a Visitor Registration Card (located at the door of the meeting room) and hand it to the Board Chair or Deputy Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.

The major purpose of the citizens' participation is for the School Board to hear citizen's views on ways to improve the educational program and ways to improve the processes, including communications, for bringing about such improvements.

Each speaker will be asked to state his/her name and address for the record, and will be allowed five minutes for his/her presentation unless the time limit is waived by a majority of the Board members present. When there are a large number of speakers to be heard, the School Board may shorten this time or limit the number of speakers.

During an open meeting, the School Board is prohibited by law from considering allegations or charges against an employee. The presiding officer may terminate the speaker's privilege of address if, after being called to order, he/she persists in improper conduct or remarks.

Members of the School Board and the Superintendent may question a speaker or make comments in response to the speaker's remarks.

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