

Board of Education Meeting Public Comment
Board of Education
Wrightstown Community School District

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters.

To permit fair and orderly public expression, the Board may provide a period for public comment at any regular meeting of the Board and establish rules to govern such comment in Board meetings.

The Presiding Officer of each Board meeting, at which public comment is permitted, shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The Presiding Officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public comment shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business and/or the discretion of the Presiding Officer.
- B. Attendees must register their intention to comment in the public portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting.
- C. Participants must be recognized by the Presiding Officer.
- D. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration. Each participant may address the Board one time per Board meeting.
- E. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic.
- F. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.
- G. Participants shall address only topics within the legitimate jurisdiction of the Board.
- H. All statements shall be directed to the Presiding Officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- I. Participants may provide a copy of presentation, letter or additional information to Board members.
- J. The Presiding Officer may:
 - 1. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
 - 2. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum and, if necessary, request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
 - 3. 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;

4. Waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.

Issues brought up during the public comment cannot be brought up by the Board and voted upon if they are not part of the publicly noticed meeting agenda. The Board may choose a brief response or refer an item to the appropriate administrative level.

A response to a public comment is only required if a written Public Record's Request was made as part of the Public Comment.

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Legal References: 19.83(2) Wis. Stats.; 19.84 Wis. Stats.; #0600 Board of Education Agendas;