

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The school board encourages and welcomes public attendance and participation at board meetings.

1. All meetings of the board, for the official transaction of business, shall be open to the public; however the board may, by majority vote, meet in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A.
2. A portion of the open meeting will be set aside for citizens to address the board. Issues which require an extended period of time may be deferred to the next business meeting, or to a special meeting called by the board. The chairperson may set a time limit on the length of the public comments portion of the meeting.
3. Citizens who wish to address the board on a topic not on the agenda are encouraged to notify the chairperson, or superintendent, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting so that the board may be better prepared to offer assistance or to respond to the comment, question or concern.
4. Public comments on agenda items may be allowed or terminated as follows:
 - a. A member of the board may request the chairperson to determine whether the board wishes to hear from citizens on the subject.
 - b. The chairperson may limit the comments of any one person to five (5) minutes per topic.
 - c. The chairperson may rule that sufficient comments have been heard. If the ruling of the chairperson is challenged by a member of the board, the board will be polled and the vote of the majority of board members present will prevail.

ADOPTION: October 1994

REVISED: June 1999
October 11, 2001