

**Limit on
Participation**

Audience participation at a Board meeting is limited to the portion of the meeting designated to receive public comment in accordance with this policy. At all other times during a Board meeting, the audience shall not enter into discussion or debate on matters being considered by the Board, unless requested by the presiding officer.

Public Comment

Regular Meetings

At regular Board meetings, the Board shall permit public comment, regardless of whether the topic is an item on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

Special Meetings

At all other Board meetings, public comment shall be limited to items on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

Procedures

Individuals who wish to participate during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins as specified in the Board's procedures on public comment and shall indicate the agenda item or topic on which they wish to address the Board.

Public comment on items on the agenda shall occur at the beginning of the meeting. At the presiding officer's discretion, public comment at regular meetings on nonagenda topics may be deferred to the end of the meeting.

Except as permitted by this policy and the Board's procedures on public comment, an individual's comments to the Board shall not exceed three minutes per meeting.

When the Board conducts a public hearing during a regular Board meeting, individuals may have the opportunity to address the Board during both the public comment portion of the meeting and during the public hearing. However, comments pertaining to the subject of the public hearing are to be reserved for the public hearing. Unless otherwise provided by law or if a speakers' time is adjusted by the presiding officer, an individual may address the Board for three minutes during a public hearing. Comments to the Board during a public hearing must be directly related to the agenda item for the hearing or the presiding officer will redirect the individual to the applicable topic of the public hearing.

Meeting
Management

When necessary for effective meeting management or to accommodate large numbers of individuals wishing to address the Board, the presiding officer may make adjustments to public comment procedures, including adjusting when public comment will occur during the meeting, reordering agenda items, deferring public comment on nonagenda items, continuing agenda items to a later meeting, providing expanded opportunity for public comment, or establishing

an overall time limit for public comment and adjusting the time allotted to each speaker. However, no individual shall be given less than one minute to make comments.

The Board does not allow the use of video, slide, or other electronic presentations during public comment. Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer before speaking and will address the Board from the speaker's podium. Posters and signs are not allowed at the speaker's podium. No speaker will approach the dais. If citizens bring a written statement or support materials, they should provide enough copies for the seven Board Members and the Superintendent. Copies must be provided to the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent at the time the individual signs up to speak.

Board's Response

Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting.

Complaints and Concerns

The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether an individual addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy. If not, the individual shall be referred to the appropriate policy to seek resolution:

- Employee complaints: DGBA
- Student or parent complaints: FNG
- Public complaints: GF

Disruption

The Board shall not tolerate disruption of the meeting by members of the audience. If, after at least one warning from the presiding officer, any individual continues to disrupt the meeting by his or her words or actions, the presiding officer may request assistance from law enforcement officials to have the individual removed from the meeting. Notwithstanding, a single outburst or incident may be so disruptive that the individual may be removed without an initial warning. All individuals attending meetings will be expected to comply with applicable guidelines from the District regarding emergency procedures and/or in accordance with executive orders issued by duly authorized local, state, and/or federal authorities.