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### **0167. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS**

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 school matters of community interest.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public comment at every public meeting, the length of the portion to be determined by the Board, for public comment on any school or school district issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the school district.

Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable;
2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to 3 minutes' duration.
3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;
4. All statements, questions, or inquiries directed by a participant to another Board member shall be redirected to the presiding officer who shall determine if such statement, question, or inquiry shall be addressed by the presiding officer on behalf of the Board or by the individual Board member;
5. The Presiding officer may:
  - a. Interrupt, warn, and/or terminate a participant's statement, question or inquiry when it is too lengthy;
  - b. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;



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- c. Request any person to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
- d. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person prevents or disrupts a meeting with an act that obstructs or interferes with the meeting;
- e. 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; and
- e. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or to maintain an orderly operation the of the Board meeting.

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