

## Public Participation at Board Meetings

### -POLICY-

To allow full and open communication between the public (members of the community, students, staff members and parents) and the Board of Education, the Board has created several avenues for the exchange of ideas, information and opinions. Some of these exchanges properly take place at Board or Committee meetings.

1. Open Question Period at Board Meetings

The regular meetings of the Board will begin at dates and times as determined by the Board in accordance with Policy 204.1 Section 2.1 and will contain an open question period starting at the end of the public session. At the start of each meeting, it will be the practice for the Chair of the Board to announce that the public may question the Board during the question period for up to a maximum of thirty (30) minutes on issues contained in the regular meeting agenda. All questions and answers will be directed through the Board Chair.

2. Procedure for Delegations to Board or Committee Meetings

Delegations may be heard by either the Board of Education or one of its standing Committees.

Delegations wishing to appear must submit to the Secretary Treasurer, a request in writing, on the Wednesday prior to the next Board meeting, stating whether they wish to appear and outlining the matter(s) they wish to bring before the Board of Education, and giving the name of the spokesperson for the delegation.

After the Wednesday deadline, delegations wishing to appear before the Board on an emergent issue must contact the Chair of the Board prior to the Board meeting. If the Chair agrees with the request to appear, the delegation will be added to the agenda subject to approval being given by a majority vote of the Board.