

Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

Citizens are encouraged to communicate with Evergreen School staff and board members. If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns, your first contact should be with the teacher or principal at the school building level. If you are not satisfied with the response, you may contact the superintendent. By following this procedure, you generally receive a prompt, informed response. The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing citizens to express themselves on school matters of community interest. Public participation at board meetings is governed by these guidelines.

Board of Education meetings are for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and are not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated below:

Public comment is permitted during the Recognition of Visitors and will not exceed 30 minutes total.

- Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the public portion of a meeting. **Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting upon their arrival and before the meeting begins.**
- Speakers must be recognized by the presiding officer and should preface their comments by stating their name, address and group affiliation if appropriate.
- Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration, unless extended by the presiding officer.
- **Any person or group wishing to place an item on the agenda shall register their intent with the Superintendent no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting and include:**
 - (1) Name and address of the participant;
 - (2) Group affiliation, if and when appropriate; and
 - (3) Topic to be addressed. Such requests shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent and the Board President