

All regular, special, and emergency meetings of the Board shall be open to the public.

The Board invites the viewpoints of citizens throughout the District, and considers the responsible presentation of these viewpoints vital to the efficient operation of the District. The Board also recognizes its responsibility for the proper governance of the schools and the need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner. The Board therefore establishes the following procedures to receive input from citizens of the District:

Any individual desiring to address the Board shall complete a form (Request to Address Board) and give this form to the Superintendent prior to the start of the Board meeting.

The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing speakers, maintaining proper order, and adhering to a time limit for all public comments to one-half (.5) hour.

Questions of fact asked by the public may, when appropriate, be answered by the President or referred to the Superintendent for reply. No action or discussion shall transpire among Board members regarding such questions or comments. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the Superintendent for later report to the Board. Questions or comments on matters that are currently under legal review will not receive a response.

In order to ensure that each individual has an opportunity to address the Board, the President may set a time limit for individual speakers based upon the length of the comment period and number of requests received.

Members of the public deemed by the President to have relevant information may be recognized by the President to assist the Board with information for the conduct of its official business.

The Board reserves the right to limit or curtail repetitive comments or expressions, comments or other expressions that are obscene, profane, disruptive of the orderly conduct of the board's meeting, harassing or defamatory or not in keeping with the decorum of a school board meeting which includes students or other minors. Complaints regarding personnel matters or involving students may be re-directed to appropriate administrative procedures for review and handling.

LEGAL REF.: 10-15-1 NMSA

CROSS REF.: 127 Board Officers  
191 Board Communications with Staff Members  
175 Board Communications with the Public  
153A Rules for Public Participation