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Community Relations - Regulations

Board of Education Meetings

Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

All meetings of the Brookfield Board of Education shall be open to the public except executive sessions. All deliberations and actions of the Board shall be taken openly.

Procedures pertaining to public participation at Board meetings:

1. Anyone wishing to speak before the Board, either as an individual or as a member of a group, shall inform the Superintendent of the desire to do so and of the topic to be discussed by the Wednesday preceding the regular meeting permitting an orderly scheduling of public remarks on the agenda.
2. Any individual desiring to speak unscheduled under the oral communications section of the agenda, shall give his/her name, address and the group, if any, that is represented.
3. Oral presentations should be concise as possible, limited to five minutes unless an extension is granted by the Chairperson.
4. Speakers may offer such objective criticisms of school operations and programs as concern them, but in public session, the Board discourages the airing of complaints against school personnel or against any person connected with the school system.
5. Comments and questions at a regular meeting may deal with any topic related to the Board's governance of the schools. Comments at special meetings must be related to the call of the meeting. Questions asked by the public may, , be answered by the chairperson or referred to staff members present for reply. Questions requiring investigation may be referred to the Board or administrative staff for consideration and later response.

The Board vests in its chairperson the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual when they do not adhere to the rules established above.

Persons appearing before the Board are reminded that members of the Board are without authority to act independently as individuals in official matters. Questions may be directed to individual Board members, but answers must be deferred pending consideration of the full Board.

(cf. 1312 – Public Complaints)

(cf. 9322 – Public and Executive Sessions)

(cf. 9325 – Meeting Conduct)