Subject: Public Sessions/Citizen Participation

Public Sessions

All Board of Education meetings must be open to the public. A “meeting” is defined as an official convening of a public body for the purpose of conducting public business. A “public body” is an entity which requires a quorum to conduct business, including committees, subcommittees, or similar divisions of a public body.

Whenever a Board of Education meeting is to take place, there must be at least seventy-two (72) hours advance notice of the meeting, conspicuous posting of the notice of the meeting in one (1) or more designated public locations, and recording of minutes.

Public Participation

a) Ten (10) minutes of public participation before Board Meetings and ten (10) minutes following Board Meetings immediately prior to adjournment will be allowed for comments from community persons in attendance;

b) Additional time may be allotted if agreed to by Board;

c) Each speaker shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) minutes for commenting;

d) Comments must be limited to those topics which are on the agenda for discussion at this meeting;

e) Comments shall be directed to the President of the Board of Education only;

f) Any response to comments will be made by the President of the Board who may refer to others for information at his/her discretion.

Chapter 704 of the Laws of 1979
Public Officers Law Sections 97, 99, 100, 101

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