

187 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board, as a representative body of the School District, wishes to provide an avenue for any citizen to express his/her interest in and concerns for the schools. Accordingly, the public is cordially invited to attend Board meetings.

Board meetings are conducted for the purpose of carrying on the business of the schools, and therefore, are not public meetings, but meetings held in public.

Meetings are closed to the public only during closed sessions, the purpose of which is to discuss matters that should be confidential by their very nature.

In order that the Board may fairly and adequately discharge its overall responsibility, citizens who wish to make requests, representations, or proposals to the Board are requested to direct these to the Board Secretary, who will deal with them according to rules adopted by the Board. The intent of the rules is:

1. To allow everyone who wishes it, a fair and adequate hearing.
2. To allow the Superintendent to take direct action, or to recommend action to the Board, when policies have already been established by the Board.
3. To minimize the possibility of the Board's making ill-advised, illegal, or improper rulings due to hasty action in the absence of adequate information and study, especially when a policy does not exist, a change in policy is proposed, or an exception to policy is specifically requested.
4. To see to it that the time so devoted does not interfere with the fulfillment of the Board's tasks.

LEGAL REF.: 19.82(2) Wisconsin Statutes
19.84

CROSS REF.: 187-Rule, Guidelines for Public Participation at Board Meetings
173, Closed Sessions

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