

BOARD STATEMENT ABOUT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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The Arcadia Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

The Board offers public participation to members of the public and applies the procedures to all speakers, and does not discriminate based on the identity of the speaker, content of the speech, or viewpoint of the speaker.

The Board is also committed to conducting its public business meetings in a productive and efficient manner. The Board publishes rules to govern such participation in Board meetings. The Board President is the presiding officer and will administer the rules of the Board.

The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited is limited to thirty (30) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board.

BOARD RULES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Public participation is permitted as indicated on the agenda on the order of business.
- B. Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the designated public participation portion of a meeting.
- C. Attendees must register their intention to participate upon their arrival for the meeting.
- D. Speakers must register themselves to participate. Individuals cannot registers others to speak.
- E. Participants must first be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by stating their name, address, and group affiliation, if appropriate
- F. Each participant is limited to three (3) minutes.
- G. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic.
- H. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- I. Audio or video recordings is permitted provided such recordings do not disrupt the meeting or otherwise interfere with the rights of other attendees to observe the meeting. The person operating the recorder should contact the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting for equipment placement and conditions.

The presiding officer can;

- 1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's session when they make comments that are obscene, and/or that are threatening;
- 2. request any individual to stop speaking and/or leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum or is disruptive to the conduct of the meeting;
- 3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers;
- 4. call for a recess or adjournment.