

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board welcomes citizens of the District to its meetings. All official meetings of the Board shall be open to the press and public. The Board may enter non-public meetings in accordance with RSA 91-A:3.

The Board adopts the following rules regarding public participation:

1. Public input will be allowed for any agenda item(s) with the exception of workshop sessions, where public input will only be allowed for individual items where a vote is needed. Notwithstanding the above, no public input will be allowed on board procedural matters.
2. Every person addressing the Board shall give his or her name and state whether they are a Windham resident.
3. Any town resident shall be allowed to address the Board and the Administration during the Public Input portion of the meeting.
4. Non-residents must state their purpose for speaking and may be allowed to address the Board at the discretion of the Chairperson.
5. Each individual will be limited to one comment per agenda item. Additional opportunities to speak shall be at the discretion of the Chairperson. The speaker's comments should be brief and to the point. Written remarks are encouraged.
6. Board Members shall have the option to seek clarification to any points that are made by the speakers.
7. Speakers may comment on school operations and programs. However, the Board will not hear personal complaints against school personnel or any person connected with the school system. Those matters should be taken to the Superintendent for appropriate action.
8. All speakers are to conduct themselves in a civil manner. Obscene, slanderous, defamatory, threatening or violent statements will be considered out of order and will not be tolerated.

The Board Chairperson or other presiding officer is authorized to terminate the remarks of any individuals when they do not adhere to the rules established above.

The agenda of a regularly-scheduled School Board meeting shall allow suitable time for the remarks of the members of the public who wish to speak before the Board.

Legal References: RSA 91- A:3

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