

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board encourages citizens of the district to attend its meetings so that they may become better acquainted with the operation and programs of the schools and that the Board may have the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public.

(For a thorough understanding of Board meeting procedures, refer to the series of policies beginning with the letters BD)

1. Priority is given to items on the printed agenda, copies of which are available to the public. Individuals or groups wishing to have items added to the printed agenda should contact the school district before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the regular Tuesday evening meeting.
2. Anyone not on the agenda but desiring to speak shall obtain recognition from the Chair, give his or her name and, if representing a group, the name of the group, and to be as brief as possible. When necessary, such items may be placed on a future agenda for proper consideration.
3. Speakers may offer such objective criticisms of school operations, program, policies, etc. as concern them. However, the Board cannot in public session allow personal criticism of specific individuals involved in the school system. For the protection of the individual, this can only be allowed in executive session. (See Policy BDC #3).

The Board vests in its Chairperson or other presiding officer the authority to terminate the remarks of any person when he or she does not adhere to these rules.

Persons appearing before the Board are reminded, as a point of information, that members of the Board are without authority to act or decide independently as individuals. In any official matter, questions may be directed to individual Board members, and they may give their personal opinions, but only decisions taken by a majority of the board are binding on the district.

Also it should be noted that the Board will only adopt or change policies after twice considering the matter. Similarly, to achieve informed and deliberate decisions, other matters of importance are customarily taken under advisement until complete information has been considered.

LONDONDERRY SCHOOL BOARD

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