

Community Relations

Public Participation at Board Meetings

All regular and special meetings of the Board of Education shall be open to the public and representatives of the press except that a part of the meeting may be designated an executive session as provided by law.

Any citizen may appear before the Board to express his/her opinion concerning the educational program of the Waterford Public Schools. The public is advised that any discussion of a specific Board employee, such as a teacher or administrator, will not be allowed. Matters of this nature should be addressed to that employee's immediate supervisor. The Board agenda has a section early in the meeting reserved for comments and questions from persons attending the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Board at that time must give their name and address.

Board meetings are meetings held in public and are not open hearings. Once the Board moves into regular agenda the public may participate as allowed by the Chairperson and with the following restrictions:

1. Questions and/or comments are to be restricted to the specific agenda item being discussed.
2. Board members shall be recognized first for comments and/or questions.
3. Questions and/or comments by the public may be restricted to a maximum of three minutes by the Board Chairperson.
4. At any time the Chairperson may, at his/her discretion, curtail public discussion.

(cf. 1312 – Public Complaints)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

1-225 Meetings of government agencies to be public.

1-226 Broadcasting or photographing meetings.

19a-342 Smoking in public meetings in rooms of public building prohibited.

1-227 Mailing of notice of meetings to persons filing written request. Fees.

1-230 Regular meetings to be held pursuant to regulation, ordinance or resolution.

1-232 Conduct of meetings.

1-206 Denial of access to public records or meetings.

10-238 Petition for hearing by board of education.

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