

## Community Relations

### Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

Participation by the general public at regular meetings of matters before the Board of Education shall be permitted. The Region 14 Board of Education recognizes the value of ongoing communication with the public and elects to include one public comment item on the agenda of regularly scheduled meetings.

Board of Education meetings are held in public, but are not public meetings. The Board will dedicate up to twenty (20) minutes, as needed for the public portion of the agenda. Persons wishing to address the Board shall give their names and addresses. Individual comments can be up to three (3) minutes in length. Each speaker may address the Board one time during a meeting. The Chairperson may, at his/her discretion, curtail public discussions at any time.

Any citizen may appear before the Board to express his/her opinion concerning the educational program of the District. The Board encourages members of the public to address complaints concerning individual District personnel through the proper chain of command.

(cf. 1312 - Public Complaints)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
 1-225 Meetings of government agents to be public. Recording of votes. Schedule and agenda of meetings to be filed. Notice of special meetings. Executive sessions.  
 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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 Bethlehem and Woodbury, Connecticut