

SCHOOL BOARD BYLAWS

Public Comments at School Board Meetings

A. Presentations to the School Board

The School Board shall, in open session at regular School Board meetings, accept public comment on matters germane to the business of the School Board. Public comment shall be conducted under the agenda topics "Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Non-Agenda Items" and "Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Agenda Items" at each regular School Board meeting at such time as the School Board determines in its Standing Rules. Speakers shall have the opportunity to speak one time on either Agenda or Non-Agenda items at each meeting.

B. Advance Request Procedure

Citizens wishing to speak during the Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Non-Agenda Items or Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Agenda Items portion of a regular School Board meeting are encouraged to sign up with the Clerk by noon on the day of the meeting. ~~However, if citizens do not sign up by noon on the day of the meeting, they still may be permitted to speak during the Hearing of Citizens and Delegations on Non-Agenda items if they sign up by 3:00 p.m.; and, on Agenda items if they sign up by the start of the formal meeting and time permits.~~ Citizens shall be called to speak in the order in which they have signed up with the Clerk however the School Board reserves the right to alter the order of speakers. The time available for the hearings of citizens and delegations at a School Board meeting on either Non-Agenda or Agenda items is set by the Standing Rules.

C. Time Limitations

Citizens addressing the School Board shall limit their remarks to four (4) minutes unless otherwise modified by order of the Chairman. The Chairman shall, with assistance from the Clerk, consistently monitor and enforce the limitation.

~~D. Documents~~

~~Documentary support for a speaker's positions should be provided to the Clerk of the School Bboard by noon seven (7) working days before the meeting to ensure that the documents are timely provided to the School Board Members. Documents provided after that time may not be available to School Board Members at the time of the speaker's presentation.~~

~~E.~~D. Public Hearing

When the School Board has scheduled a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment, the School Board shall accept comment only on the topic(s) for which the public

hearing was called. The School Board Chair or the Superintendent or designee may create procedures to address the orderly presentation of speakers. All other Bylaws applicable to individuals or groups appearing before the School Board shall apply to public hearings.

Editor's Note

Standing Rules may be found in Appendix B to these Bylaws.

For decorum and order at School Board meetings, see Bylaw 1-48.

Legal Reference

Code of Virginia § 22.1-79, as amended. Powers and duties.

Related Links

School Board **Bylaw 1-48**

School Board Bylaws **Appendix B**

Adopted by School Board: July 21, 1992

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