

Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

The regular and special meetings of the Bethany Board of Education (Board) are open to the public and representatives of the press except that a part of any meeting may be designated an executive session as provided by law.

The Board welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals. Advance announcement of all regular and special meetings of the Board is made through posting the agenda on the Bethany Public School District (District) website (www.bethany-ed.org), Bethany Community School, Board Office, and Town Hall bulletin boards.

Board meetings are meetings held in public and are not open hearings. Each meeting offers a public comment agenda item that allows time for members of the audience to address the Board with their comments. Once the Board moves into regular agenda the public may participate as allowed by the Chairperson.

Any citizen may appear before the Board to express their 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. The Board agenda provides opportunities for comments from persons attending the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Board should give their names and addresses.

The guidelines for public participation in Board meetings held remotely will be consistent with the guidelines set forth in federal or state guidelines and District policy and Administrative Regulations.

Legal Reference:	Connecticut General Statutes § 1-225
	Connecticut General Statutes § 1-226
	Connecticut General Statutes § 1-227
	Connecticut General Statutes § 1-230
	Connecticut General Statutes § 1-232
	Connecticut General Statutes § 1-205
	Connecticut General Statutes § 10-238
	Connecticut General Statutes § 19-a-342

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