



Central Islip Union Free School District

Board of Education & School District Policy Book

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Section	Section Title	Type
1100	Public Information Program	Local
Policy	Policy Title	
1230	Public Participation at Board Meetings	

The Board of Education encourages public participation on school related matters at Board meetings, as outlined in this policy.

Residents wishing to address the Board shall advise the District Clerk prior to the scheduled starting time of the meeting. The request shall be made in writing on a form provided by the district and shall include the name of the speaker, the address, telephone number, name of organization represented (if any), and a brief description of the topic to be addressed. Any group or organization wishing to address the Board must identify a single spokesperson.

Presentation should be as brief as possible. No speaker will be permitted to speak for longer than 3 minutes. Speakers may comment on any matter related to district business.

The Board will not permit in public session discussion involving individual district personnel or students. Persons wishing to discuss matters involving individual district personnel or students should present their comments and/or concerns to the Superintendent during regular business hours.

All speakers are to conduct themselves in a civil manner. Obscene language, libelous statements, threats of violence, statements advocating racial, religious, or other forms of prejudice will not be tolerated.

Persons making presentations at a Board meeting will address remarks to the President.

Questions and comments from the public concerning matters which are not on the agenda will be taken under consideration and referred to the Superintendent for appropriate action. Persons wishing to have matters included on the agenda

shall contact the Superintendent in accordance with Policy 2342, Agenda Preparation.

The President shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the time to be allowed for public discussion and the appropriateness of the subject being presented, as outlined in this policy and applicable provisions of law and regulation, and subject to the Board's parliamentary procedure. The President shall have the right to discontinue any presentation which violates this policy.

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Cross Reference:

2342, Agenda Preparation and Dissemination

Reference:

Matter of Martin, 32 EDR 381 (1992)

Appeal of Wittenben, 31 EDR 375 (1992)

Matter of Kramer, 72 EDR 114 (1951)

NYS Department of State, Committee on Open Government,

OML-AO-#2696 (Jan. 8, 1997) and OML-AO-#2717 (Feb. 27, 1997), OML-AO-#4292 (Dec. 6, 2006)