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Welcome

to a meeting of the

School District of Wisconsin Dells

Board of Education

The School District of Wisconsin Dells Board of Education is responsible for policy-making decisions which guide the operations of the District's schools.

This brochure explains how the Board of Education functions and the steps to take when you speak to the Board of Education or raise a concern. We appreciate your interest and attendance.

We are glad that you are here to listen and observe the Board of Education deliberations.

Because the Board of Education desires to hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the district, it may provide a period of time on any regular meeting agenda for public participation.

If you are to address the Board of Education, we want you to know the procedures for speaking at the meeting. To provide maximum public involvement and to ensure the orderly conduct of Board meetings, the Board of Education has established the following procedures:

Participant Responsibilities

- Obtain and complete a pink public comment form in the room where the meeting is being held. Public comment forms are to be turned in to the Administrative Assistant prior to the start of the meeting. Forms will be taken until the official opening of the meeting, and citizens will be called on to speak in the order the forms were submitted. The Board President will determine if citizens who turn in forms after the start of the meeting will speak.
- Please stand when called on by the Board President and identify yourself by giving your name, address and nature of your remarks.
- The Board of Education has the authority to group similar topic requests. Each topic will be limited to five minutes unless an extension is granted by the Board President.
- Please be respectful of those whose views differ from yours.

Board President & Board of Education Responsibilities

- The Board President will be responsible for maintaining proper order and adhering to time limits.
- The Board President will recognize citizens using public comment forms and convey the guidelines for citizen comments.
- Board members pledge to listen respectfully to all citizen comments without interrupting or engaging in conversation or debate.
- The Board President may terminate the remarks of any individual when the citizen does not adhere to the established public participation rules.

Responding to Citizen Comments

The Board will not react to a concern until it has obtained the necessary information. We cannot engage in debate concerning your remarks and cannot legally take immediate action on any issue you may raise. Questions or comments regarding individual personnel issues are not to be discussed in open session.

In response to your comments, the Board of Education may:

- Request an individual to submit his/her concerns in writing.
- Answer immediately if information is known.
- Request information from appropriate staff if they are present.
- Refer the matter to the District Administrator.

Resolving Constituent Concerns

- The Board of Education has a procedure to address concerns about services provided in the District. This is explained in Board Policy 167.3, which can be found on the District's website. While the Board of Education is the final review authority, the policy asks citizens to first work to find a resolution with the teacher, principal, and then District Administrator. Respectfully, we ask that you not address a personnel matter or student issue with the Board of Education without taking the aforementioned steps outlined above.

School Board Meetings

- The Board of Education usually meets at 7:00 p.m. on the *fourth* Monday of the month. The meeting schedule and location is posted at all school offices, the District Office, and on the District's website. Special meetings and work sessions may be called by the Board of Education members by giving 48-hour notice stating the time, place and purpose.
- Meetings are open to the public so citizens of our district may view the work of the Board of Education. Closed sessions are not open to the public and are convened to allow the Board of Education to discuss collective bargaining negotiations, real estate, pending court proceedings, sale or purchase of securities and investments, and personnel issues regarding salary or performance.
- Voting on all issues, including those discussed in closed session, is done in public. A majority vote renders approval of an issue.