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Public Participation at Board Meetings

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every regular meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer is guided by the following rules.

1. Public participation is permitted:

- A. as indicated on the order of business;
- B. before the Board takes official action on any issue of substance and
- C. at the discretion of the presiding officer.

2. Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the public portion of a meeting but must register with the Superintendent their intent to speak at least three days prior to the Board meeting.

3. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.

4. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five minutes duration, unless extended by the presiding officer.

5. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.

6. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.

7. The presiding officer may:

- A. interrupt, warn or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant;
- B. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
- C. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
- D. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action and

E. waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.

8. The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to 15 minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board.