



## WCS Board of Education

# Public Participation Guidelines

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## How do I participate in a School Board meeting?

If you've come to speak before the Board, please review the agenda and find the places that say Citizens/Delegations to Address the Board. You will note that there are two times during the meeting when representatives of the public may come to the lectern, give their name and address, and present their view(s) to the Board.



If you are unable to attend the meeting of the Board in person, you may [email](#) your comments to the Board Secretary by 11 AM on the day of the meeting. Please indicate that you wish your comments to be read to the Board during the meeting.

Board policy (0163.7) limits each speaker to five (5) minutes. Why the limit? The Board of Education is elected to conduct business of a multi-million-dollar corporation which is one of the largest employers in the county. The Board's agenda is usually full, so in order to move business along, Board policy limits each speaker to five (5) minutes. Also by policy, the portion of the meeting during which the public is invited to participate shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. Board policy (0163.7) also indicates that speakers will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if any.

The Board strives to conduct business in a respectful and orderly way.

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## Is this the only time during the meeting I can speak to the Board?

Yes. Although the Board of Education is a public body and meets in public, its meetings are not hearings. The Board meets before the public, or in public, but not with the public. The job for which the Board members are elected is to conduct the business of the school district.



Individuals addressing the board shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.

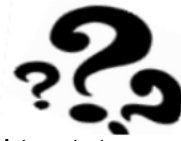
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## How do I get on the agenda to make a longer presentation?

Contacting the district superintendent directly, either by phone, email, or message through the building secretary, is the way in which you can get placed on the Board's monthly agenda for a longer presentation.

## How can I get my questions answered?



The Board will not immediately answer questions or respond to statements made during the public comment portion of the agenda.



Board members are publicly-elected volunteers, and not part of the day-to-day operations of Wolverine Community Schools. They cannot be expected to know everything that happens or be able to answer questions on every topic that arises.

They may be hearing about a concern for the first time, or may know about it but have widely different views.

Any one member cannot speak for the entire Board, so the Board receives comment, takes it under advisement, may direct staff to make a response, or may further explore the matter, but it will not generally respond following the comment section of a meeting.

The best place to begin searching for answers may be the student. Many student or parent concerns can be addressed by the child's teacher, and that's also a good place to start with questions. If that response is not sufficient, discuss the concern with the building principal. If additional information is needed, the Superintendent may be contacted. The Superintendent's decision may be appealed to the Board.



Note that not all questions can be answered to everyone's satisfaction; and that questions about individual students or staff may fall under the rules of privacy or confidentiality.

**\*\* All public participation should be respectful and conducive to the orderly progress of the meeting. Comments that are repetitive, obscene, and/or that constitute a true threat will be disallowed.**

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