

ICCSA School Board Policies

PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors of the Iowa City Community School District encourages input from the residents of the school district. The following policies describe how the Board will interact with the public during Board Meetings.

PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC AT BOARD MEETINGS (LEVEL 1):

It shall be the policy of the Board to provide opportunities for public participation in open meetings of the Board. It is generally expected that public participation is a time for community input and not a discussion with the board. It is also expected that members of the public and the Board will address each other with civility and respect.

COMMUNITY COMMENT (LEVEL 2a)

A community comment topic is included in the agenda of every regular meeting. Those who wish to speak must complete a Speaker's Form. During community comment persons may speak to the Board about topics relevant to the District and not included on the meeting agenda.

Time for community comment is limited and will be set by the Board President. If additional time is needed, community comment may be continued at the end of the regular agenda.

In general a speaker's participation is limited to three minutes.

The Board may discuss items and ask questions for clarification, but will not act during the meeting. The Board may request that information presented be researched by the district's administrative staff and/or that the issue be placed on a future meeting agenda.

AGENDA ITEMS (LEVEL 2b)

The public may present information, ask questions, or comment on topics listed on the board meeting agenda.

Generally, Directors first hear information and recommendations presented by the administrative staff and then discuss the topic. Time for the public to speak regarding an agenda topic will be after Board input is concluded.

The Board President will determine the total time allotted for each agenda topic and public comment will generally be limited to three minutes of individual speaking time.

After public input, the Board will determine if it wishes to reopen Board discussion.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (LEVEL 2c)

It is the prerogative of Board members to ask speakers questions during the presentation or make comments as frequently as necessary to clarify the speaker's input. The audience is not allowed to interrogate or debate issues with Board members.

Board meetings are conducted by the Board President. Board members and members of the public will conform to the Board President's rulings on procedural matters.

The Board President may terminate any person's privilege of addressing the Board for persistent violations of conduct by a participant repeatedly declared out of order for violations of the above rules.

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