



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Public Participation at Board Meetings

The Board, as a representative body of the district, wishes to provide an avenue for any citizen to express his/her interest in and concerns for the schools. The public is invited to attend open sessions of any of the regular or special meetings of the Board.

A "Public Comments" portion will be on each regular Board meeting agenda. The Board is constrained by its agenda and laws concerning public meetings, which limit Board discussion and action to only those matters listed on the agenda. This means the Board will limit engagement with the public during the "Public Comments" portion of regular Board meetings because the nature of those comments would be unknown in advance and thus would not be listed on the agenda, which is a potential violation of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Only the Board President may respond to the comments. He/She has the authority to ask another Board member or administrator to respond. Board members will not respond to public comments unless designated by the Board President. The Board President has the authority to cease any conversation, at any time, for any reason.

Public comments will be taken under advisement. If public comments are in regard to an agenda item, when the Board discusses that particular item during the meeting, the Board may or may not address the comments/questions raised by the public.

Anyone desiring to address the Board during the "Public Comments" portion of the regular Board meeting must register on the "Sign Up Sheet for Making Public Comments at River Valley School District Board Meetings."

- Sign your name and address on the sign-up sheet to make the Board aware of your desire to speak.
- The Board will allow speakers in the order of names on the sheet.
- The Board will call your name when it is your turn to speak.
- Please come to the microphone and give your name and address before you begin speaking.
- The Board will limit comments to three minutes per person.

Speakers shall address the entire Board as a whole, not individual Board members, and shall remain polite and respectful. The Board can require disorderly or disruptive individuals to leave the premises.

The Board has the responsibility to conduct the business of the district in an orderly, efficient manner.

Speakers may comment on the Board's management of the school and offer objective criticism of district operations and programs. ~~However, the Board will not hear complaints concerning individual district personnel.~~ Comments that impinge on the privacy rights of students and/or employees will not be permitted.

CROSS REF.: Policy #171.1 - Public Notification of Board Meetings
Policy #171.2 - Agenda Preparation and Dissemination

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