

Public Participation at School Board Meetings

All regular and special meetings of the Board of Education (the “Board”) for Mapleton Public Schools (the “District”) shall be open to the public. Because the Board desires to hear the viewpoints of all residents of the District and students who attend District schools and their parents, and also needs to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, it shall schedule time during some Board meetings for brief comments from the public on both agenda and non-agenda items. The Board shall set a time limit on the length of the public participation time and a time limit for individual speakers.

During times of general public comment at a regular meeting, comments may deal with any topic related to the Board's conduct of the schools. During times of public comment on specific agenda items, comments shall be confined to the topic of the agenda item being considered by the Board. Speakers may offer such criticism of school operations and programs as concern them, but are encouraged to exercise their speech rights responsibly. The Board strongly encourages the discussion of all personnel matters to be conducted in executive session.

The Board president shall be responsible for recognizing all speakers, who shall properly identify themselves, for maintaining proper order and for adherence to any time limits set. In order to hear from the greatest number of people, questions asked by the public will not be answered immediately, but may be answered during the time scheduled for Board comments. Questions asked by the public that require further investigation may be referred to the Superintendent (or designee) for consideration and later response.

Members of the public will not be recognized by the president during Board meetings except as noted in this policy.

Members of the public wishing to make formal presentations before the Board should make arrangements in advance with the Superintendent so that such presentations, when appropriate, may be scheduled on the agenda.

In addition to public participation time during Board meetings, the Board is committed to engaging members of the community on an ongoing basis regarding community values about education during times other than the Board's regular meetings.

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LEGAL REFERENCES:

C.R.S. § 24-6-401 *et seq.* (open meetings law)



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CROSS REFERENCES:

KE: Public Concerns and Complaints