

187 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Williams Bay School Board encourages constructive, orderly contributions from the public at all regular and special meetings. The Board recognizes that citizens of the district are entitled to this commentary and that citizens can provide the Board with a unique and important perspective on district affairs. The Board further believes that it is desirable for citizens of the district to understand the process by which their school district is governed.

Citizens wishing to contribute to Board meetings should observe the following rules:

1. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business and/or at the discretion of the Board President.
2. The Board President will recognize all speakers. Each person, when called, will give his or her name and address, and the name of any group he or she represents. Citizens should limit their remarks to five minutes unless an extension is granted by the chair.
3. The Board may discuss matters raised by the public during the public participation portion of the meeting, provided such period of public comment was included on the meeting agenda notice.
4. Whenever possible, citizens' questions will be answered by the Board President, Board members or a qualified staff member. Questions requiring further investigation shall be referred to the proper person for study and response.
5. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.
6. Staff members may be heard during this time, but only in their private capacity as taxpayer, parent or citizen
7. Citizens' contributions to special meetings will be limited to the topic of that meeting; general comments should be reserved for regular meetings.

The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes unless extended by a vote of the Board.

While the Board recognizes its obligation to hear and respond to the public at regular and special meetings, it also reserves the right to meet in closed sessions on appropriate subjects, in accordance with law.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.83 (Meetings of Governmental Bodies), 19.84 (Public Notice), 19.85 (Open meetings, Exemptions), 120.15 (School District President: Duties)

CROSS REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes, Section 173 (Closed Sessions)

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Williams Bay, Wisconsin