

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Laconia School Board recognizes the importance of public input on the issues presented at board meetings. Accordingly, the following procedures will be followed pertaining to public participation:

1. Members of the public may offer comments and/or questions pertaining to specific agenda items, as they are taken up by the board, for discussion. Subjects open for public comment will be clearly identified.
2. All comments and questions will be directed to the Chair and, in the interest of time, should be brief and to the point. Written comments to support remarks are encouraged.
3. The Chair may allow comments to be directed to individual board members. However, responses to such comments will be considered expressions of personal opinion only. All official board positions and opinions are established by majority vote.
4. Any individual desiring to speak shall give his or her name, address, ward and the group, if any, that is represented.
5. Comments regarding school district operations, policies, or programs will be welcomed.
6. The Board will not hear complaints or criticisms against any individual.
7. Discussion of matters which are currently under legal review or of a confidential nature will not be permitted.
8. Upon completion of the business portion of the agenda, the Chair will recognize members of the public who wish to present a matter to the Board. The Chair may allow discussion or refer the issue to the Superintendent for review/recommendation.
9. The Chair, or other member acting as such, is vested with the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual when they do not conform to the procedures set forth above.
10. Any ruling by the Chair of the Board may be overruled by a majority vote of the members present.

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