

## Community Relations

### Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

The regular and special meetings of the Board of Education are open to the public and representatives of the press except that a part of any meeting may be designated an executive session as provided by law. (See 9324 for details)

The Board of Education welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals. Advance announcement of all regular and special meetings of the Board of Education is made through posting the agenda, school district web site, and directly to citizens and community and professional organizations who specifically request such notification.

Board meetings are meetings held in public and are not open hearings. Public participation shall be limited to the public comment portion of the meeting. Any member of the public addressing the Board shall state his or her name and address. Public comments shall be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

(cf. 1312 Public Complaints)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
 1-225 Meetings of government agents to be public. Recording of votes. Schedule and agenda of meetings to be filed. Notice of special meetings. Executive sessions.  
 1-226 Broadcasting or photographing meetings.  
 19a-342 Smoking in public meetings in rooms of public building prohibited. 1-227 Mailing of notice of meetings to persons filing written request. Fees.  
 1-230 Regular meetings to be held pursuant to regulation, ordinance or resolution.  
 1-232 Conduct of meetings.  
 1-206 Denial of access to public records or meetings.  
 10-238 Petition for hearing by board of education.

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