

Board Policy No. TPDRB002

Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At each regular and special open meeting, the members of the public and District employees may comment on or ask questions of the Board, subject to reasonable constraints.

The individuals appearing before the Board are expected to follow these guidelines:

1. Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
2. Identify him or herself and be brief. Ordinarily, such comments shall be limited to 5 minutes. In unusual circumstances, and when the person has given advance notice of the need to speak for a longer period of time, such person may be allowed to speak for more than 5 minutes.
3. The Board President may shorten or lengthen a person's opportunity to speak. The President may also deny the opportunity to speak to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject within the past 2 months.
4. The Board President shall have the authority to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise defined in Board of Education policy.

Petitions or written correspondence to the Board shall be presented to the Board of Education at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

B. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Members of the public and employees may request to have an issue placed on the Board's meeting agenda and make a presentation/comments to the Board, provided the individual has completed and submitted the "**REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE PRAIRIE DU ROCHER BOARD OF EDUCATION**" form to the Superintendent at least five (5) business days in advance of the meeting. There is no legal right to have an item/issue added to the Board's agenda and the final decision shall rest with the Board President.