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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

In order to provide for full and open communication between the public and the School Committee, the Committee authorizes several avenues for the exchange of information, ideas, and opinions. All of the following operate within the framework of the Committee's scheduled meetings:

1. Written correspondence may be directed to the Committee through the superintendent for consideration at a meeting.
2. At the beginning of each regular meeting of the Committee, there will be a period set aside for comments by visitors (see BDDH-E Guidelines). Citizens may address the Committee on items of school business not included in the agenda for that meeting. If visitors wish to comment on agenda items, they may express this wish during the comments period.
3. A citizen who wishes to have an item placed on the agenda will present the request in writing to the superintendent. To be considered, the request must be received five working days prior to the meeting.
4. From time to time, the School Committee may schedule a public hearing on any matter of concern to the community. Additional opportunities to discuss an issue can be done at subcommittee meetings.

All meetings of the Committee will be presided over by the chair with the purpose of conducting the business of the Committee in a responsible and expeditious manner. The chair will have authority to regulate and limit public participation within the provisions of this policy. The Committee may determine to limit or alter this authority by majority vote. However, by law, "No person shall address a public meeting of a governmental body without permission of the presiding officer at such meeting, and all persons shall, at the request of such presiding officer, be silent".

Legal Refs.: M.G.L., 39:23C