



Board Protocol

Board Preparation

All Board of Education members receive information electronically prior to each scheduled meeting. This information may contain reports, background information, recommendations, etc., for study so that the members can come to the meeting prepared to make decisions. Items are brought forward first as discussion items. The discussion item is normally brought back as an action item at the next regular meeting.

Citizen Participation

The responsibility for making decisions rests with the seven elected Board of Education members. The School Board is, however, very interested in hearing from the public. There is a place on the regular meeting agenda for 'Comments from the Audience'. Please follow the guidelines below.

Guidelines for Public Commentary

1. Be recognized by the President of the Board.
2. State your name and address.
3. Present your statement of concern or questions to the Board.
4. Complaints concerning school personnel or students cannot be discussed in an open public meeting unless the individual(s) involved are notified and agree (P.A. 267 of 1967). Such complaints should be forwarded to the Board, in care of the Superintendent, unless the complaint involves the Superintendent, in which case it should be processed through the Board President. An open or closed meeting, according to the wishes of the person(s) involved, will be arranged.
5. In order to adhere to the agenda, the time allocated to any one speaker is limited to five minutes.
6. The Board will hear comments from the audience but may defer any action or response to gather information and study all aspects of the matter brought to their attention.
7. The Onsted Board of Education pledges its courteous attention to those who wish to be heard. In return the Board asks that members of the audience refrain from loud talking and other distractions during the meeting.