

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board welcomes citizens of the district to attend its sessions so they may become better acquainted with the operation and programs of the schools.

Under South Dakota law attendees at school board meetings have no independent right to speak or otherwise participate in the proceedings except when a board is holding a required public hearing. Nevertheless the West Central School Board is interested in hearing from the patrons in a manner that is not disruptive, respects the rights of others, and does not violate state requirements regarding open meetings. Accordingly, the Board adopts the following policies:

1. Any individual who desires to speak about an item on the agenda, is asked to present the "request to speak" to the Superintendent, the business manager or the Board President in adequate time to consider placement on the agenda. The request may be communicated orally prior to the meeting or in written form or by a raised hand during the meeting when and if the chair calls for public comment.
2. Persons, who wish to speak about an item that is not on the agenda, must present such request to the Superintendent or the Board President, prior to the beginning of the meeting. Persons who present such a request may request permission to speak and, if granted, will be allowed to speak about the topic before the meeting is adjourned.
3. Citizens, who desire Board action on an item not on the agenda, will submit the item to the Superintendent's office, at least 10 days prior to the meeting of the Board, at which they wish for the item to be considered.
4. Presentations should be as brief as possible. Unless an extension of time is granted, a speaker will be limited to three minutes.
5. The Board President shall determine whether any form of recording or comment at the meeting is disruptive. Following a warning, the person or persons causing the disruption may be required to leave.

The Board vests in its President or other presiding officer, authority to terminate the remarks of any individual when they do not adhere to the rules established above.

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