

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and the media.

Because the Board desires to hear the viewpoints of citizens, and also needs to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, the chairman shall be responsible for recognizing members of the public.

The Board shall give due attention to comments and contributions from the audience, but shall not be expected to respond or take action immediately. Audience inquiries, other than simple questions, shall be referred to the Superintendent who shall investigate the matter and report to the citizens and Board as advisable. Unless of an emergency nature requiring immediate action by the Board, the matter shall be taken under advisement for inclusion in subsequent agendas as necessary.

DATE ADOPTED: July 1, 2003