

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The primary purpose of the meeting is for the School Committee to conduct its business as charged by law. Spontaneous discussion, as well as disorder and disruption, prevent the Committee from doing its work, and will not be permitted.

Anyone with a legitimate interest in the Committee's business may speak:

- During the Public Comment time when recognized by the Chair;
- At the invitation of the Chair;
- By requesting that an item be placed on the agenda after meeting with the Superintendent to discuss agenda item and completing Request form BEDH- R to be filed with the Superintendent's office 10 business days prior to any regular meeting;
- When an emergency situation is declared by the Chair, or by a majority vote of the School Committee, so that a specific matter can be discussed.

All speakers must identify themselves and must address all comments and questions to the Chair.

The Committee will not discuss or act on an item not on the agenda without full examination and an opportunity for the Superintendent to research the matter and make a recommendation to the School Committee.

No complaints or allegations will be allowed in public concerning any person connected to the school system. Formal complaint procedures must be followed, and the School Committee, at a special meeting called for that purpose, would generally hear complaints.

Speakers are asked not to be repetitious of comments already made to the Committee in the interest of the most efficient use of time.

The Committee Chair may limit the number of speakers and the time each speaks.

In the case of a large audience, speakers may be asked to sign up before the meeting so they may be called on most expediently.

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