

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

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POLICY
Public Participation**

The Board of Education believes that communication with the public is extremely important. The public Board meeting is the formally designated means of transacting Board business. Two public participation periods are therefore provided solely as a means for ensuring that community members who are present in the audience have an opportunity to provide comments and/or ask questions about business or issues pertaining to the Board.

The public participation period at the beginning of the Board meeting is open to comments and/or questions concerning the agenda. The public participation period at the end of the Board meeting is open to questions concerning the agenda.

Speakers must identify themselves before speaking. The public participation periods will be a maximum duration of forty minutes each. Individuals will be limited to a total of two minutes per speaker. The Chair will indicate another means of response if the questions cannot be answered at the time.

Community members who have other comments or questions are encouraged to contact Trustees or the Superintendent or, if desired, to request a formal presentation on the Board agenda. In general, Board policy indicates that questions or concerns are best handled as near the location of the issue as possible.

Matters currently under negotiation or litigation, or related to personnel, will not be discussed in the public participation periods.

The Chair shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who does not adhere to this policy.

Persons addressing the Board are reminded that, although requests or questions may be directed to the Board, actions or answers to many questions may be deferred pending Board consideration.

Cross Refs: [Policy 211: Regular Public Meetings](#), [Policy 221: Delegations and Representatives](#)

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