



WELCOME

TO A BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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[PUBLIC PARTICIPATION]

at Board meetings

“Please sign in and complete the Public Comments Form. We welcome your questions, comments, and ideas. Thank you for helping us to improve Lakewood Public Schools.”

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Thank you for attending.

WE BELIEVE

Our exceptional teachers and faculty always focus on our children first.

Parents, staff and community share the responsibility of working together for the benefit of all students.

We will provide an emotionally and physically safe learning environment.

Ongoing assessment guides continuous improvement within our learning environment.

Individuals within our district must be accountable for maintaining a positive learning environment.

Teaching and best practices will support our students in the global economy.

Service to their community is a valuable part of a student's education.

To model respectful and ethical behaviors and treat all with equality and integrity.



BOARD POLICY 0167.3

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business.
- B. Anyone with concerns related to the operation of the schools or to matters within the authority of the Board may participate during the public portion of a meeting.
- C. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- D. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration.
- E. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
- F. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.
- G. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- H. The presiding officer may:
 1. prohibit public comments which are frivolous, repetitive, or harassing;
 2. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
 3. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person behaves in a manner that is disruptive of the orderly conduct of the meeting;
 4. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
5. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
6. waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.

Any person or group wishing to place an item on the agenda shall register their intent with the Superintendent no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting and include:

- A. name and address of the participant;
- B. group affiliation, if and when appropriate;
- C. topic to be addressed.

Such requests shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent and the Board President.

Denial of the opportunity to have an item placed on the agenda will not preclude an individual or group from the opportunity to speak during the public participation portion of the meeting.

To permit fair and orderly public expression, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at public meetings of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings and in Board committee meetings.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

[note: To help us make the best use of your comments, please take the following steps during the Public Comment portion.]

- 1** Always use the microphone provided for public comment.
- 2** Please state your name and address.
- 3** Please limit your comments to three minutes.
- 4** If you have written material, please provide a copy to the superintendent.

(As allowed under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, P.A. 267 of 1976, as amended)

