



Recognition of the Public at School Board Meetings

The agenda for a regular meeting of the School Board includes “Recognition of the Public” at the beginning of the meeting—approximately 7:00 p.m.

Persons wishing to address the School Board with concerns, problems, suggestions, or requests for information on items not on the agenda will be recognized at this time. Prior request for recognition is desirable by notification to the Superintendent or Board Chair.

Persons not having given prior notice shall be recognized at the discretion of the Board Chair or a majority of the Board members present. The Board Chair reserves the right to limit discussion time of each participant, as well as the total number of recognitions. Once recognized by the Board Chair, persons can take approximately two (2) minutes to make a statement. Upon conclusion of the statement, School Board members do not engage in a response, typically.

Representatives of organizations or spokespersons for groups or delegations shall contact the Superintendent or Board Chair by noon on the Wednesday before the meeting and shall make available to the Superintendent or Board Chair a copy of the statement, petition or request. If background information has been prepared for all Board Members, it must be delivered to the Superintendent by noon on the Wednesday before the Board meeting for delivery with agenda material.

Members of the public wishing to be heard on agenda matters shall be recognized at the discretion of the Board Chair at the time the matter is discussed. The School Board will take the questions and problems under advisement and issue responses after due deliberation.

Comments regarding specific employees, activities or practices will be handled at the discretion of the Board Chair to assure that the rights of persons involved are protected. To maintain decorum during Recognition of Public, the Board Chair has the responsibility of maintaining order and upholding the core values of the District. If at any time, the rights of persons involved appear to be at risk of not being protected, District legal counsel and/or the Superintendent will ask the Board Chair to call a recess to discuss the situation and to agree on next steps. A violation of the stated protocols could result in denial of future requests to address the School Board.

If you have questions, please contact Deb Bunkholt, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and School Board, 952-681-6402 or dbunkholt@isd271.org.