

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Presentations to the Board

The public and members of the Madison County Public Schools staff, as individuals or as members of an employee organization, shall have an opportunity to make presentations to the Madison County School Board; provided, however, that the School Board does not hereby obligate itself to act on any request or proposal, whether or not it is informal or formal, in writing or verbal. The School Board reserves the right to limit presentations and to refuse to hear those coming from the floor of a School Board meeting without advance notice.

Advance Request Procedure: A person who wishes to address the School Board should make his request, preferably in writing, by 10:00 a.m. the division operating day before the scheduled regular School Board meeting.

Recognition from the Floor: Recognition from the floor in the case where no advance request was made by the person desiring recognition will be granted at a specific time during the meeting at the discretion of the School Board Chairman.

Addressing the Board: Upon recognition by the chairman, the speaker should clearly state his name, address and the subject of his remarks. He shall address himself to the Chairman. At the conclusion of his remarks, if any School Board member desires further information, said Board Member shall address the speaker only with the permission of the Chairman. The courtesy of the School Board shall be extended to the speaker and the speaker shall respect the privilege extended by the School Board. Resort to personalities will be ruled out of order as will the use of intemperate, abusive, and defamatory language.

The division superintendent shall respond by letter to delegations on behalf of the Board. Questions submitted at a public hearing will be recorded and responses will be made public.

Time Limitations

The time allotted to any speaker shall be three minutes, except that a motion to extend the time shall be in order and a majority vote by the School Board members present shall be necessary to carry the motion.

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LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-253.13:7.C.4.

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