

Community Relations

Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

The regular and special meetings of the Ledyard Board of Education are open to the public and representatives of the press except that a part of any meeting may be designated an executive session as provided by law.

The Board welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals. Advance announcement of all regular and special meetings of the Board is made through posting the agenda, through notices to newspapers, and directly to citizens and community and professional organizations who specifically request such notification. A reasonable charge may be made for those persons or organizations requesting advance announcements of meetings and agenda backup materials.

Board meetings are meetings held in public and are not open hearings.

Any citizen may appear before the Board to express his/her opinion concerning the educational program of the District. The Board agenda provides opportunities for comments and questions from persons attending the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Board should state their names and addresses and will normally be limited to three (3) minutes unless allowed otherwise by the Chairperson.

The public is advised that any discussion of specific Board employees will not be allowed at meetings and should be addressed to that employee's immediate supervisor.

The Chairperson may, at his/her discretion, curtail public discussion at any time.

Board Relations with Community Organizations

It is the intention of the Board to cooperate fully with appropriate officials, Boards, committees, or other agencies of the Town, and with organized groups of interested citizens of the Town. Any such individual or group requesting a meeting with the Board should present its request, in writing, to the Chairperson of the Board, or the Superintendent, in ample time to allow for proper preparation of agenda items, notification of Board members, and establishment of a mutually agreeable meeting time and place.

Related Policies:

1110 – Communications with the Public

1112 – News Media Relationships

1312 – Public Complaints

1316 – Conduct on School Property

1340 – Access to School Procedures, Materials and Records

9321 – Time, Place, Notification of Meetings

9322 – Public and Executive Sessions

9323 – Construction of the Agenda

9325 – Meeting Conduct

9325.2 – Order of Business

9350 – Public Hearings

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes

1-200. Definitions.

1-206. Denial of access to public records or meetings. Appeals. Notice. Orders. Civil penalty. Service of process upon commission. Frivolous appeals.

1-210. Access to public records. Exempt records.

1-212. Copies and scanning of public records. Fees.

1-225. Meetings of government agencies to be public. Recording of votes. Schedule and agenda of meetings to be filed. Notice of special meetings. Executive sessions.

1-227. Mailing of notice of meetings to persons filing written request. Fees.

1-228. Adjournment of meetings. Notice.

1-229. Continued hearings. Notice.

1-230. Regular meetings to be held pursuant to regulation, ordinance or resolution.

1-231. Executive sessions.

1-232. Conduct of meetings.

10-218. Officers. Meetings.

10-220. Duties of boards of education.

10-221. Boards of education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures.

10-238. Petition for hearing by board of education.

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