

NEWBURGH ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

Public Comment Procedure

1. The first item of business will be to listen to residents of the School District who wish to address the Board concerning items scheduled for consideration at that meeting. The Board shall allocate up to one-half hour for Public Comment On Agenda Items. All comments must be pertinent to scheduled Board discussions (i.e., the item must be scheduled on the meeting agenda).
2. The last item of business shall be to allow residents of the School District to address the Board on any issue. The Board shall allocate up to one-half hour for public comment on Non-Agenda Items.
3. Persons wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the Chair. He/She shall then identify himself/herself and proceed with his/her comments as briefly as the subject permits.
4. No person may speak who is not a resident or an employee of the District, unless permitted to do so by the Chair.
5. Comments shall be limited to five minutes duration, per speaker, whether speaking individually or on behalf of an organization, unless extended by majority vote of the Board.
6. No person may speak more than once on a particular subject during the public comment section on agenda items and during the public comment section on non-agenda items
7. All statements shall be directed to the Board; no participant may address or question Board members or administrators individually.
8. The Chair is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on related matters, including adherence to the time limits set forth herein.
9. Members of the public wishing to speak before the Board are encouraged to make arrangements with the District Clerk prior to the Board Meeting to ensure an opportunity to speak. This does not exclude other members of the public from speaking at the Board Meeting or from submitting written comments to the Superintendent or Board.
10. Speakers may comment on matters of public interest involving school operations and programs, but may not criticize or personally attack any person connected with the School District.

Issues concerning specific employees, either by name or by identifying reference, will not be tolerated, and any violation will result in the speaker being asked to sit down.