

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, COMMENTS, AND QUESTIONS

The Board of Education of the Valparaiso Community Schools recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school district matters. To that end, the Board has established the following expectations for patrons who wish to address the Board:

1. Patrons who wish to address the Board must record the following information on the Public Participation Form prior to the Public Participation portion of the meeting:
 - a. Name (or name of group) and address
 - b. Agenda item to be addressed
2. Individuals or groups wishing to place an item on the agenda shall register their intent by phone or in person with the superintendent at least two (2) days prior to the meeting.
3. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes duration.
4. Patrons addressing the Board must remain at the podium and speak to the Board, not the audience. If you have handouts for the Board, those must be provided to the superintendent prior to the meeting for distribution.
5. Discussions, charges, or complaints involving personnel, litigation, and student discipline will not be permitted.
6. The President may terminate any person's privilege of address for persistent violations of rules or conduct by a participant and declare that person *out of order* for violations of the rules.
7. The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited may be limited to thirty (30) minutes.
8. The Board may choose to refrain from answering questions, polls, or concerns at the meeting. The Board may take comments and questions under advisement.