

LEVITTOWN SCHOOLS

POLICY # 1512

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By-Laws

SUBJECT: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education encourages public participation on school related matters at Board meetings. To allow for public participation, a period not to exceed 30 minutes shall be set aside during the first part of each Board meeting. Public participation shall be limited to Levittown School District residents only or persons invited to participate by the Board of Education. The period may be extended by a majority vote of the Board.

Persons wishing to address the Board shall advise the Board President prior to the scheduled starting time of the meeting. The request shall be made in writing on a form provided by the district and shall include the name of the speaker, the address, name of organization represented (if any), and a brief description of the topic to be addressed. Any group or organization wishing to address the Board must identify a single spokesperson.

Presentation should be as brief as possible. No speaker will be permitted to speak for longer than three minutes. At a regular meeting, speakers may comment on any matter related to district business. At a special meeting, speakers may comment on agenda items only.

The Board will not permit in public session discussion involving individual district personnel or students. Persons wishing to discuss matters involving individual district personnel or students should present their comments and/or concerns to the superintendent during regular business hours.

All speakers are to conduct themselves in a civil manner. Obscene language, libelous statements, threats of violence, statements and advocating racial, religious, or other forms of prejudice will not be tolerated and may be referred to the proper authorities if necessary.

Persons making presentations at a Board meeting will address to the Board President Board members and the superintendent shall have the privilege of asking questions of any person who addresses the Board. Responses to questions will be held until all speakers have had an opportunity to address the Board.

Questions and comments from the public concerning matters which are not on the agenda at a regular business meeting will be taken under consideration and referred to the superintendent for appropriate action.

The President shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the time to be allowed for public discussion and the appropriateness of the subject being presented. The President shall have the right to discontinue any presentation which violates this policy.

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