



BOARD MEETINGS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

POLICY #: B-9

AUTHORITY: 99-058/11-105

POLICY STATEMENT

The Board, as a representative body of the district, wishes to provide an avenue for any citizen or group of citizens to express interest in and concerns for the betterment of Catholic education. Accordingly, the public is cordially invited to attend all regularly scheduled Public meetings of the Board.

In order that the Board may fairly and adequately discharge its overall responsibility, citizens who wish to make requests, representation, or proposals to the Board are instructed to submit these, in writing, to the Director of Education, who will respond accordingly.

POLICY REGULATIONS

1. Matters concerning an individual school shall have been discussed first with the Principal at that school.
2. If the matter has not been resolved at the school level, or if a matter is not specifically related to one particular school, it may be brought to the Superintendent of Education.
3. If the problem is not school based or cannot be resolved, it may then be brought to the Board in the following manner:
 - 3.1 The request to meet with the Board must be made in writing and submitted to the Director of Education two weeks prior to the Board meeting. And shall contain the following: Name, address, telephone number and signature of the person making the request; date of the board meeting; reason(s) for the request and name and address and telephone number of spokesperson of the individual or group, if different from the person making the request. The spokesperson shall be the only voice of the group. Any request not meeting the timeline will be held until the next meeting. OR should the agenda be too crowded, as determined by the Director, the matter will be held for the next regular board meeting.
 - 3.2 The purpose shall be stated clearly at the time of the request.
 - 3.3 Presentations shall not exceed 10 minutes. The board reserves the right to take all matters under advisement.

- 3.4 The Board will advise the citizen or spokesperson or the group of citizens of its decision.

DENIAL OF REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA

The Director of Education is authorized to and may deny requests by any individual or groups to have their issue placed on the school board agenda under the following circumstances:

- If the individual or group has not followed the chain of command in trying to resolve the issue.
- If school administration is actively working toward resolution of the issue.
- If the school board has, at a previous school board meeting already considered and determined dispensation of the issue.
- If the issue is covered under "privileged information" discussion of this would violate board policies that relate to privacy laws and confidentiality requirements.