

Tyrone Area School District

TITLE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN
BOARD MEETINGS

ADOPTED: March 8, 1994

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903. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS	
1. Purpose 65 P.S. 271 et seq	The Board recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in Board meetings.
2. Authority	In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board will provide a "reasonable opportunity" for public participation at every open meeting of the Board and will formulate rules to govern such public participation in Board meetings. Total time allotted for public input is twenty (20) minutes or extended at discretion of presiding officer.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The presiding officer at each public Board meeting will follow the rules of the Board for conduct of regular and special public meetings in accordance with this policy and Policy 006.
4. Guidelines	The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Everyone who wishes to speak to the Board shall be given an opportunity.2. Any individual or group is permitted only one (1) opportunity to address the Board.3. If someone desires to present a contrary position, that individual shall be recognized.4. Those recognized should speak to the Board through a microphone situated on the lectern.5. Speakers should identify themselves and any group they represent.6. Speakers should initially identify the topic of discussion.7. Presentations should be limited to five (5) minutes by the individual or group represented.

<p>PA Statute 65 P.S. 271 et seq</p> <p>Board Policy No. 006</p>	<p>8. No questions are to be directed to individual Board members, and Board members are to limit their questions to requests for clarification.</p> <p>Interested individuals may record the proceedings of any public meeting. However, an individual's right to record such proceedings is forfeited if the recording process interferes with the smooth conduct of the meeting or interferes with the ability of others to observe the proceedings.</p> <p>All individuals operating camcorders who tape the proceedings of any public meeting shall be positioned behind the last row of audience in attendance and not obstruct the vision of anyone in attendance at that particular meeting.</p>
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