

Lisbon School District

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Community Relations

Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

The regular and special meetings of the Board of Education are open to the public and representatives of the press except that a part of any meeting may be designated an executive session as provided by law. (See 9324 for details).

The Board of Education welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals. Advance announcement of all regular and special meetings of the Board of Education is made through posting the agenda, through notices to newspapers, and directly to citizens and community and professional organizations who specifically request such notification. A reasonable charge may be made for those persons or organizations requesting advance announcements of meetings and agenda backup materials.

Parents and other citizens are encouraged to appear before the board at designated times on meeting agendas to express thoughts or opinions concerning district education. Board of Education meeting agendas will be made available to the public at each meeting of the board.

Although the regular and special meetings of the Lisbon Board of Education are open to the public and representatives of the press (except that a part of any meeting may be designated an executive session as provided by law), board meetings are meetings held in public and are not public meetings or hearings. However, once the board moves into regular agenda, the public may participate if permitted by the chairperson but with the following restrictions:

1. Questions and / or comments are to be restricted to the specific agenda item being discussed;
2. Board members shall be recognized first for comments and / or questions;
3. Questions and / or comments by the public may be restricted by the Board Chairperson;
4. The Chairperson may, at his / her discretion, curtail public discussion at any time;
5. No discussion of specific board employees will be allowed at meetings and such concerns or comments should instead be addressed to that employee's immediate supervisor or to the superintendent of schools;
6. Persons wishing to address the board should identify themselves to the chairperson;
7. Special meetings typically do not include public comment unless added to the agenda or permitted by the Board Chairperson.

(cf. 1312 Public Complaints)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
1-225 Meetings of government agents to be public. Recording of votes. Schedule and agenda of meetings to be filed. Notice of special meetings. Executive sessions.
1-226 Broadcasting or photographing meetings.
19a-342 Smoking in public meetings in rooms of public building prohibited.
1-227 Mailing of notice of meetings to persons filing written request. Fees
1-230 Regular meetings to be held pursuant to regulation, ordinance or resolution.
1-232 Conduct of meetings.
1-205 Denial of access to public records or meetings.
10-238 Petition for hearing by Board of Education.

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