

# Series 1000

1120(a)

## Community Relations

### Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

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 welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals. Advance announcement of all regular and special meetings of the Board 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.

Although Board meetings are meetings held in public and are not open hearings, the public may participate in meetings under citizen participation sections of meeting agendas in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Persons wishing to address the Board should (but are not required to) give their names and addresses.
2. Although normally citizens may express opinions concerning education, in the discretion of the Chairperson, questions and/or comments may be restricted to specific agenda items;
3. Discussions of specific Board employees will not be allowed at meetings. Concerns should be addressed to that employee's immediate supervisor;
4. The Board Chairperson may restrict questions and/or comments by the public; however, time allotted shall be fairly shared among all members of the public who wish to speak to the Board.
4. The Chairperson may, at his/her discretion, curtail public discussion at any time.

### Board Relations with Community Organizations

The Board is interested in cooperation with appropriate officials, boards, committees, or other agencies of the town, and with organized groups of interested citizens of the town. Any such individual or group requesting a meeting with the Board should present its request to the Chairperson of the Board, or the Superintendent, in ample time to allow for proper preparation of agenda items, notification of board members, and establishment of a mutually agreeable meeting time and place.

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### Board of Education Meetings (continued)

(cf. 1312 Public Complaints)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

- 1-21 Meetings of government agents to be public. Recording of votes. Schedule and agenda of meetings to be filed. Notice of special meetings. Executive sessions.
  - 1-21a Broadcasting or photographing meetings.
  - 1-21b Smoking in public meetings in rooms of public building prohibited.
  - 1-21c Mailing of notice of meetings to persons filing written request.
- Fees.
- 1-21f Regular meetings to be held pursuant to regulation, ordinance or resolution.
  - 1-21h Conduct of meeting.
  - 1-21j Denial of access to public records or meetings.
  - 10-238 Petition for hearing by board of education.

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