

EAST PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

ADOPTED: August 25, 1975

REVISED: April 27, 1992

<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>65 P.S. 271 et seq</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">903. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board will provide a period for public participation and will formulate rules to govern such public participation in Board meetings.</p> <p>The presiding officer at each public Board meeting will follow the rules of the Board for conduct of public meetings in accordance with this policy and Policy 006.</p> <p>The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic recording devices and cameras other than those used as official recording devices will be permitted at meetings under rules provided by the Board and as provided in Policy 006. 2. No placards or banners will be permitted within the meeting room. <p>The Board recognizes its responsibility to conduct the business of the district in an orderly and efficient manner and will therefore require reasonable controls to regulate public presentations to the Board. A person wishing to address the Board should make his/her request known in writing before the meeting, indicating the subject. If no advance request is made, a person wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the President. He/She shall then identify himself/herself and proceed with the comments as briefly as the subject permits.</p> <p>The President is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the time to be allowed for public discussion, the appropriateness for the subject being presented and the suitability of the time for such a presentation. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.</p>
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This replaces former policies BCBI and BCBJB