

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The EVSC welcomes members of the public to meetings of the Board of School Trustees. Scheduled meetings are posted annually on the EVSC website at evscschools.com; agendas specific to each meeting are available to the public 48 hours prior to the meeting. Meetings are conducted according to the Open-Door Law of the State of Indiana.

During Board meetings, comments from members of the public shall be permitted under an agenda item entitled “Public Comment”. Any such public comment shall be restricted to items appearing on the agenda of the Board meeting.

A member of the public wishing to address the Board must be a resident of Vanderburgh County, Indiana and/or have children enrolled in the EVSC. Additionally, a person wishing to address the Board must complete and submit a “Request to Offer Public Comment” form no later than 12:00 noon on the day of the scheduled Board meeting. Failure to submit the form could result in the forfeiture of the opportunity to address the Board. The form may be found on the EVSC website or obtained at the EVSC Administration Building located at 951 Walnut Street, Evansville, Indiana 47713. The completed form may be submitted to the EVSC in accordance with instructions found online or personally delivered to the EVSC Administration Building.

The total time allotted for all public comments during any meeting shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes. Individual speaker time will be allotted based upon the number of speakers registered at a given meeting. In no event will any speaker be allowed longer than two (2) minutes.

Prior to offering comment, a speaker will be asked by the presiding officer of the Board to state: speaker’s name, address, any organization represented (if applicable), the agenda item upon which public comment will be offered. Speakers will be required to confine comments to the specific agenda item(s) identified and will be limited to the time allotted.

Speakers shall at all times maintain proper decorum and civility, demonstrating respect for all present and an awareness of the presence of children at Board meetings. Due to the restrictions of federal law, no student shall be individually named. Board members will not engage in dialogue with persons making public comment, nor shall they be expected to debate any public statements made.

The presiding officer of the Board shall be responsible for ensuring that speakers adhere to these rules and will take all reasonable steps to maintain order. Any person who is willfully disruptive of the meeting will be removed by law enforcement.

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