

**Public Participation at Board Meetings**

School board meetings are meetings in public to conduct public school business. The M.S.A.D. #49 Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and encourages the public to participate in discussions on agenda items.

If a citizen wishes to have an item placed on the agenda for a board meeting, a written request must be sent to the superintendent at least eight days prior to a board meeting. The request shall include the reason or reasons why, and must designate who is to speak to the board. The agenda is prepared and sent to board members five days prior to each meeting.

Public participation at board meetings shall be concise and relevant to agenda items. The process for addressing the board shall follow the procedure outlined in the District's by-laws.

Legal Reference: Title I MRSA Section 406

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