



North Marion School Board

Public Comment Policy Guidelines & Policy BDDH - Public Comments at Board Meetings

- The public comment period is limited to three minutes per person.
- If there are several speakers addressing the same topic or sentiment, please select a single spokesperson that could summarize the input.
- The School Board Chair has full discretion over the Public Comment period, including the ability to establish a total time limit on all public comments.
- Any person, who is invited by the School Board Chair to speak to the Board during a meeting, should state their name and whether they are a resident of the North Marion School District community, and, if speaking for an organization, state the name of the organization.
- The public comment opportunity is not a discussion, debate or dialogue between the speaker and the School Board. It is a citizen's opportunity to express opinions on issues of School Board business.
- Improper conduct or remarks that are defamatory or abusive will not be tolerated and that person's privilege to address the School Board will be terminated.
- It is important to show respect to the speaker and ensure the School Board can hear the speaker's comments; for that reason, we ask that audience members refrain from applause or offering audible comments.
- Reference to a specific employee, group of employees, or the school community is prohibited as follows:
 - The Board will *not* hear complaints about individual school personnel or any member of the school community, including retelling of events whereby individuals may be personally identifiable, regardless of whether names or positions are mentioned.
 - Contact the District Office for the proper process to express any complaints involving staff members.

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