

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN
BOARD MEETINGS

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903. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS	
<p>1. Purpose 65 P.S. 271 et seq</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>Please note that the work of the Board is done during committee meetings. Although the Board welcomes public comment at its regular meetings, participation and attendance are strongly encouraged at committee meetings.</p>
<p>2. Authority</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>3. Delegation of Responsibility 65 P.S. 271 et seq Pol. 006</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. Public participation shall be permitted only as indicated on the order of business in the Procedures of this Board. 2. All persons wishing to officially appear on the agenda at regular meetings must register their intent, in writing, with the Secretary prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. 3. Although pre-registration is not required in order for members of the community to speak during the public comments section of the agenda, a sign-in sheet will be provided in order to ensure accuracy in recording the names of the speakers in the Board minutes. 4. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if appropriate.

