

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Millburn Public Schools

ACTION ITEM

November 23, 2009

To: Board of Education Members

From: Ellen E. Mauer, PhD

Subject: Second Reading and Approval-Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board 2:230

Proposed Action by the Board of Education

Approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption for Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board 2:230 as presented.

Background

This policy has been updated to include the last numbered section, #5, which indicates that citizens must conduct themselves with civility and in accordance with another school policy, 8:30-Visitors to and Conduct on School Property.

## **School Board**

### **Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board**

At each regular and special open meeting, the members of the public and District employees may comment to or ask questions of the School Board, subject to reasonable constraints.

The individuals appearing before the Board are expected to follow these guidelines: Address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.

1. Identify oneself and be brief. Ordinarily, comments shall be limited to 5 minutes. In unusual circumstances, and when an individual has made a request in advance to speak for a longer period of time, the individual may be allowed to speak for more than 5 minutes.
2. The Board President may shorten or lengthen an individual's opportunity to speak. The President may also deny an individual the opportunity if the individual has previously addressed the Board on the same subject within the past 2 months.
3. The Board President shall have the authority to determine procedural matters regarding public participation not otherwise defined in Board policy.
4. Conduct oneself with respect and civility toward others and otherwise abide by Board policy, 8:30, *Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*.

Petitions or written correspondence to the Board shall be presented to the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-6 and 5/10-16.

CROSS REF.: 2:220 (School Board Meeting Procedure), 8:10 (Connection with the Community), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 23, 2009