

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

All regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to the public. Executive sessions may be requested by a three-fifths majority vote of the Board to review issues as permitted by statute.

The MSAD #40 Board of Directors desires to hear the viewpoints of its citizens throughout the School District and also needs to conduct business in an orderly and efficient manner. If a citizen or group of citizens requests an item be placed on the Board Agenda for formal review, it will be submitted in writing to the School Superintendent five business days prior to a regularly scheduled Directors' Meeting.

A time period of up to 30 minutes in duration for comments by visitors at Board Meetings will be scheduled at the beginning of the Board's Agenda. Additional public comments may be entertained at the Board Chairman's discretion throughout the meeting. All speakers will identify themselves. The Board shall give due attention to comments and contributions, but shall not be required to respond or take immediate action and comments/questions will be taken under advisement. Inquiries, other than simple questions, shall be referred to the Superintendent who shall investigate or consider the matter and report to the Board. If Board action is indicated, the item will be included in the next regular meeting agenda.

The Chairperson has the responsibility to interrupt or terminate a statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant.