

**PUBLIC BOARD HEARINGS**

The Board of Education shall schedule public hearings in accordance with the law and on occasions when it wishes to gather information and seek opinions on important issues affecting the Rochester City School District (RCSD). The Board shall take no formal action at a public hearing.

The start and end times, and place of the hearings shall be designated in the notice of the hearing. All interested persons shall have an opportunity to present facts, views, or arguments relative to ideas or proposals under consideration. Interested persons are defined as RCSD student, parent or legal guardian of a RCSD student, resident of the city of Rochester or RCSD staff member. Individuals who do not reside within the City of Rochester do not have the privilege of speaking at meetings, except when exception is granted by the chair of the meeting at which they are requesting to speak. This City residency requirement for speakers does not apply to staff, or to speakers specifically invited by the Board.

At the beginning of each hearing the Board may present information on the topic of the hearing. Speakers shall be required to give their name and affiliation before speaking.

All speakers will have a time limit consistent with the Board By-Laws policy (2300). However, this time limit may be adjusted by the chair based upon the number of speakers. Any adjustment in time shall apply to all speakers.

Any speaker who is out of order may be cautioned by the chair. If such remarks or behavior persists, the speaker's privilege to address the Board may be terminated.

Public hearings will follow the procedures outlined in exhibit 2390-E1.

Cross-ref: Board By-Laws (2300)  
Public Board Hearings Procedure (2390-E1)

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