

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE
BOARD POLICY**

BOARD OPERATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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The School Board recognizes the importance of obtaining public input on matters properly before the School Board. The purpose of this policy is to establish procedure to efficiently receive public input. Special Public Hearings may be called in accordance with state law. An agenda shall be developed and public notice of the meeting shall be given in accordance with state law and established procedures.

Procedures:

The School Board retains the right to require that those in attendance at a public hearing indicate their desire to address the school board and complete and file with the clerk of the school board an appropriate request card prior to the commencement of the hearing, if the school board utilizes this procedure. In that case, any request to address the school board after the commencement of the hearing will be granted only at the discretion of the school board.

1. **Format of Request:** If required by the school board, a written request of an individual or a group to address the school board shall contain the name and address of the person or group seeking to address the school board and a brief statement of the subject to be covered or the issue to be addressed.
2. **Time Limitation:** The school board retains the discretion to limit the time for each presentation as needs dictate.
3. **Groups:** The school board retains the discretion to require that any group of persons who desires to address the school board designate one representative or spokesperson. In the event that the school board requires the designation of a representative or spokesperson, no other person in the group will be recognized to address the school board, except as otherwise determined by the school board.
4. **Privilege to Speak:** A school board member should direct any remarks or questions through the chair. Only those speakers recognized by the chair will be allowed to speak. Comments by others are out of order. Individuals who interfere with or interrupt speakers, the school board, or the proceedings may be directed to leave.
5. **Personal Attacks:** Personal attacks by anyone addressing the school board are unacceptable. Persistence in such remarks by an individual shall terminate that person's privilege to address the school board.
6. **Limitations on Participation:** Depending upon the number of persons in attendance seeking to be heard, the school board reserves the right to impose such other limitations and restrictions as necessary in order to provide an orderly, efficient and fair opportunity for those present to be heard.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

- Section 120.08 [school district meeting]
Section 120.11 [school board meetings and reports]

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