

To permit fair and orderly public expression, the Board provides a period for public participation at public meetings of the Board and has published rules to govern such participation in Board meetings.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct as follows:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business.
- B. Anyone with concerns related to the operation of the schools or to matters within the authority of the Board may participate during the designated public participation portion(s) of a meeting.
- C. Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public participation portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting.
- D. Participants must first be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- E. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration.
- F. During the portion of the meeting designated for public participation, no participant may speak more than once.
- G. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.
- H. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- I. The presiding officer may:
 1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's session when they make comments that are repetitive, obscene, and/or comments that constitute a true threat (i.e., statements meant to frighten or intimidate one (1) or more specified persons into believing that they will be seriously harmed by the speaker or someone acting at the speaker's behest)
 2. request any individual to stop speaking and/or leave the meeting when that person behaves in a manner that is disruptive of the orderly conduct and/or orderly progress of the meeting;
 3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
 4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the conduct and/or orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
 5. waive these rules.



Grand Haven
Area Public Schools

Public Comment Guide

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Welcome to the meeting of the GHAPS Board of Education. The agenda for this meeting will include a time for public comment.

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters.

We invite members of the audience to share questions or comments during the time designated for audience participation on the agenda. Comments may be related to an agenda item or to other areas of interest pertaining to the Board's work.

The district's entire policy governing this public comment period is printed on the back of this guide. It is also helpful to remember:

- Comments should pertain to the Board's business.
- The Board does not take action on comments or questions made during the public comment. The comments may be referred to the Superintendent for response, research, and/or recommendation.
- The Board asks that all speakers use the microphone and identify themselves before speaking.
- Your remarks will be limited to three (3) minutes.

We welcome your input.

If you would like to make a comment today, please follow the listed guidelines.

- Please use the provided form to sign-up at the welcome table, or in advance where applicable.
- The Board asks that affiliated or organized groups of five or more designate a spokesperson to give their comment.
- In order to address the Board, you will need to provide your name, contact information so that you can be reached later, and the reason you would like to address the Board.
- During the appropriate time at the meeting, the Board president will call you up. The Board president might ask you a clarifying question to better understand your purpose for addressing the Board.
- Your comment will be timed and you will be asked to stop at three minutes.
- You are welcome to stay for the entire meeting or leave as soon as you have made your comment to the Board.

Thank you for attending today's meeting.

