

Community Participation at Board Meetings

Forest Park District 91 values community input and encourages community members to address to the Board. Board meetings, however, are not open forums for discussion. Board meetings are business meetings held in public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

There are two opportunities for the public to address the board. The first is early on the agenda and is an opportunity for the community to provide the Board with input regarding any item on the agenda for that meeting prior to the Board taking action on those items. These public comments should be held to three minutes to provide ample time for all those that wish to speak to do so.

The second opportunity is at the end of the agenda and is an opportunity for the community to address the Board on any issue that they wish for the Board to hear. These comments should also be held to three minutes.

All community members wishing to address the Board will be asked to fill out a card identifying their name, contact information and the agenda item (if they wish to speak during the early community comment portion of the meeting) or the topic (if they wish to speak at the later community comment portion of the meeting). The Board will not respond to public comment during the meeting. If a response is requested by a community member, the Board will provide a written response within seven days from the meeting.

Please keep in mind that the Board sets policy and is responsible for broader governance issues and does not deal with specific classroom or school issues. Those issues should be taken to the teacher or administrator at the building.

Your input regarding District wide issues is very important. The Board is always better equipped to make decisions when they hear from community members. Please assist the Board by having your voices heard about issues that are important to all of us for the improvement of our schools!