

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

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POLICY
Question Period**

The Board of Education believes that communication with the public is extremely important. The public Board meeting is the formally designated means of transacting Board business. Two public question periods are therefore provided solely as a means for ensuring that community members who are present in the audience have an opportunity to ask questions about business or issues pertaining to the Board.

The first question period at the beginning of the Board meeting is open to questions concerning the school district. The second question period at the end of the Board meeting is restricted to questions regarding items on the agenda of the current meeting.

Speakers must identify themselves before speaking. Each of the two public question periods will be a maximum duration of thirty minutes. Individual speakers will be limited to one question at a time. The Chair will indicate another means of response, if the questions cannot be answered at the time.

Community members who have other comments or questions are encouraged to contact Trustees or the Superintendent or, if desired, to arrange a formal presentation on the Board agenda. In general, Board policy indicates that questions or concerns are best handled as near the location of the issue as possible.

Matters currently under negotiation or litigation, or related to personnel will not be discussed in the public question periods.

The Chair shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who does not adhere to this policy.

Persons addressing the Board are reminded that although requests or questions may be directed to the Board, actions or answers to many questions may be deferred pending Board consideration.

Cross Refs: [Policy 211 Regular Public Meetings](#)

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