Community Comment Ground Rules at Board Meetings

Meetings of the Jamesville-DeWitt Board of Education are conducted in public to conduct the business of the District. The meetings are not a public forum.

The Board of Education encourages and welcomes public participation on school related matters at Board meetings. This is the Board’s opportunity to listen. We may not directly respond to comments.

To allow for public participation, one period not to exceed 30 mins shall be set aside during the first part of each Board meeting for public comment, with priority given to comments on items on the meeting’s agenda.

A second 30-minute time period, if needed, may be set aside at the end of the meeting by a majority vote of the Board.

Ground Rules for Public Comments:

1. Please fill out a card with your name and contact information and the specific topic about which you will speak.
2. Give this card to the Board Clerk, Timothy Decker, before the Board meeting begins.
3. You will be called by the Board President when it is your turn to speak.
4. The Board President will state your name and the topic on which you will speak.
5. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes.
6. If you have a comment about a specific student or staff member please refrain and contact the Superintendent during normal business hours.
   a. If you have contacted the Superintendent and the outcome is not to your satisfaction, please email the Board President.
7. All comments are made to the Board President. The Board President may direct questions to other Board Members or district personnel.
8. Board members and the Superintendent shall have the privilege of asking questions of any person who addresses the Board.
9. All speakers are to conduct themselves in a civil manner. Obscene language, libelous statements, threats of violence, statements advocating racial, religious or other forms of prejudice will not be tolerated.