

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS:

The Board desires citizens of the district to attend its sessions so that they may become better acquainted with the schools and so that the Board may have the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public.

1.0 Residents of Barre City and school district employees may speak on items on the written Board agenda or other subjects during the public comment section of the meeting or at the Board's discretion when the item is being discussed. The chairperson has the discretion to reasonably limit the time each person has to speak. The speaker is expected to identify himself or herself before addressing the issue being discussed.

2.0 Other persons may address the Board at its discretion. The chairperson has the discretion to reasonably limit the time each person has to speak. The speaker is expected to identify himself or herself before addressing the issue being discussed.

3.0 Any individual or group desiring an agenda item must submit the request in writing to the superintendent stating the reason for the request and topic to be considered. The superintendent in consultation with the chairperson shall have any reasonable request to address the Board added to a future agenda.

4.0 At public Board meetings, no person may orally initiate charges or complaints against individual district employees or students. If a member of the public has charges, complaints or challenges they wish to be addressed, they should be advised that they should work through the school administration or superintendent. If the member of the public is not satisfied, they may request an executive session with the board.

5.0 Undue interruption or other interference with the orderly conduct of board business will not be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. The chairperson will terminate the speaker's privilege of address if, after being called to order, he/she persists in improper conduct or remarks.