

Redford Union Schools Board of Education

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The Board of Education welcomes public comments at every Board Meeting to foster collaboration and transparency within the community and seek diverse perspectives to enhance the educational system.

GUIDELINES

- 1. Respectful Conduct:** All attendees must conduct themselves respectfully and refrain from using offensive or disruptive language. Personal attacks or inflammatory remarks are not permitted.
- 2. Sign-In Requirement:** All individuals wanting to speak must complete the "Public Communication Form." The forms are categorized as Agenda Item and Non-Agenda Item. The completed form should be placed in the designated folder on the table, which is also labeled as Agenda Item and Non-Agenda Item.
- 3. Time Limit:** Each speaker will be allotted a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the Board. This ensures that all voices can be heard while keeping the meeting on schedule.
- 4. Order of Communications:** Speakers will be called to address the Board at the specified time allotted on the agenda for "public communication."
- 5. Communication Regarding an Agenda Item:** During the allotted time, comments should be relevant to the agenda items. This helps maintain focus and ensures discussions are pertinent to the business at hand.
- 6. Communication Regarding a Non-Agenda Item:** During the allotted time, the speaker is welcome to share any comments or concerns on topics not listed on the agenda.
- 7. One Turn to Speak During Each Call to the Audience:** Each individual is permitted to speak only once during each Call to the Audience. This allows for a wider range of viewpoints to be considered and prevents monopolization of the discussion.
- 8. Group Representation:** If a large group wishes to address the same topic, they are encouraged to select a spokesperson to present their collective viewpoints to avoid redundancy.
- 9. Addressing the Board:** Speakers must address their comments to the Board as a whole rather than to individual members. This maintains the decorum and structure of the meeting.
- 10. District Response:** The Board will listen to the speaker(s) but will not engage in dialogue with the speaker(s) or the public. However, the Board or Administration may provide brief factual information in response, if appropriate.
- 11. Follow-up on Public Comments:** The Board or Superintendent may follow up with the speaker after the meeting or at a later date.
- 12. Recording:** The District has the only official audio/visual recording of its Board meetings, which are posted on the District's YouTube Channel www.youtube.com/@RUBOE-oe4sb and website www.redfordu.k12.mi.us for public access. It is important to note that public comments will not be included in the actual meeting minutes.
- 13. Decorum:** All attendees must follow the meeting's guidelines, as outlined. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in removal from the meeting.
- 14. Thank you:** The Board of Education would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to everyone in attendance today. We recognize that each of you has taken valuable time out of your busy schedules to be here, and for that, we are deeply appreciative. Your presence signifies a shared commitment to the educational well-being and future success of our students, which is at the core of everything we strive to achieve.



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REFERENCE:
Board of Education Bylaws and Policies
Section 1002 - Guidelines for Public
Participation at Board Meetings