

OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Under Open Meetings Law, public has right to attend meetings of public bodies, listen to debate and watch the decision-making process.

Public Forum

- Schools may (but not required to) allow public comment period during meetings
- Holland Patent CSD has elected to authorize public comment period



Regulation

BOARD OPERATIONS

2021.1

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT HOLLAND PATENT BOARD MEETINGS

Board of Education (the Board) meetings are not a meeting of the public, but rather are a meeting of the Holland Patent Central School District (the District) Board held in public. Although the Board is not legally required to allow members of the public to speak, it has decided to do so.

- A. A member of the public who wishes to speak publicly at a Board Meeting may only do so during the Public Comment Period of the Board Meeting. Each individual speaking during the Public Comment Period shall be allotted no more than three minutes to speak, with a maximum of ten individuals. The District Clerk will accept written public comments during the Public Comment Period.
- B. The Public Comment Period is considered a “limited public forum.” The Board may limit public comment to certain topics while excluding other topics. Any such restrictions will be reasonable and viewpoint neutral. A member of the public who wishes to speak during the Public Comment Period must identify on this form their Public Comment Topic.
- C. Speakers are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful, professional manner. It is the general practice of the Board not to respond to Public Comments. The Board reserves the right to take all Public Comment under advisement.
- D. Conduct that is disruptive of the Board Meeting is prohibited. Speech that is obscene, defamatory, and threats of violence are prohibited. Public Comment about matters that are unrelated to the District or that are about matters involving specific individuals is prohibited. If a member of the public engages in behavior prohibited by law, regulation or District Policy, the Board President may take steps to remedy the problem, including calling for the removal of the individual with the possible assistance of law enforcement.

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I will abide by the rules of the District and I respectfully request an opportunity to make a Public Comment.

Public Topic Comment: _____

Group Represented (if any): _____

Printed Name: _____

Resident of Holland Patent CSD Yes or No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

E-Mail: _____

Holland Patent Central School District
Approved by the Superintendent: 12/14/22