Meetings: Participation by the Public

I. Policy Statement

The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) recognizes the value of public comment at Board meetings. The Board welcomes individuals and organizations to attend all public meetings of the Board and to address its members.

II. Definition

*Stakeholder Groups* – As contemplated by this policy, stakeholder groups include:

A. The school system’s Student Council;

B. PTA Council of Baltimore County;

C. Area Education Advisory Councils;

D. Representatives of the Board’s exclusive bargaining units of employees for collective bargaining purposes;

E. Student (one Baltimore County Public Schools’ student. This slot will be allocated to the first student who signs up to speak); and

F. Other advisory committees and associations identified by the Board and existing as of the 2018-2019 school year.

III. Public Comment

A. A period of public participation shall be set aside during regular Board meetings at a time to be determined by the Board.

B. Any individual who wishes to address the Board at one of its meetings must complete the requisite sign-in form prior to the opening of each meeting and provide the agenda item or educational topic he/she wishes to discuss.
IV. Stakeholder Groups

It is the practice of the Board to provide an opportunity for stakeholder groups to report the results of their meetings and group activities at each of its regular Board meetings.

V. Implementation

A. The Board may determine procedures to be used to organize public comment during Board meetings.

B. The Board shall implement this policy.

Related Policy: Board of Education Policy 8311, Meetings

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