

**Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings**

The regular and special meetings of the Bethany Board of Education are open to the public and representatives of the press except that a part of any meeting may be designated an executive session as provided by law.

The Board of Education welcomes participation of interested organizations and individuals. Advance announcement of all regular and special meetings of the Board of Education is made through posting the agenda on the Bethany Public School District website ([www.bethany-ed.org](http://www.bethany-ed.org)), and Bethany Community School, Board of Education Office and Town Hall bulletin boards.

Board meetings are meetings held in public and are not open hearings. Each meeting offers a public comment agenda item that allows time for members of the audience to address the Board of Education with their comments. Once the Board moves into regular agenda the public may participate as allowed by the Chairperson.

Any citizen may appear before the Board to express his/her opinion concerning the educational program of the District. The Board encourages members of the public to address complaints concerning individual District personnel through the proper chain of command. The Board agenda provides opportunities for comments from persons attending the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Board should give their names and addresses.

Legal Reference:        Connecticut General Statutes § 1-225  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 1-226  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 1-227  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 1-230  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 1-232  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 1-205  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-238

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