

## **Public Meetings beginning on Monday, April 12, 2021**

Beginning Monday, April 12, 2021, meetings will be held in-person. Members of the public may attend the meetings in-person. The meetings will also continue to be livestreamed on the District's You Tube channel. The link to the livestream will continue to be posted on the District's website.

- All participants must adhere to WCASD's health and safety guidelines, including social distancing and mask wearing. There will be no exceptions.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be available at the podium and in the lobby.
- After the meeting, all areas in Spellman Education Center will be thoroughly disinfected per our regular cleaning practices.

## **In-Person Public Comment beginning on Monday, April 12, 2021**

- WCASD will return to the practice of live, in-person commenting during the prescribed agenda time. Written public comment will be discontinued.
- Public Participation at West Chester Area School Board Meetings is governed by [Policy 903](#).
- All participants must adhere to WCASD's policy on public comment.
- Individuals wishing to participate shall sign in at the beginning of the meeting and shall include the name and address of the participant and topic to be addressed.
- The board requires participants to be residents or taxpayers of the district or:
  - Anyone having registered a legitimate interest in a contemplated action of the Board
  - Anyone representing a group in the school district.
  - Any representative of a firm eligible to bid on materials or services solicited by the Board.
  - Any district employee.
  - Any district student.
- Each speaker must limit comments to two (2) minutes or less.
- Comments shall be directed to the entire board. No participant may address or question individual board members.
- Please remember that public comments at meetings are not question and answer sessions. If you have specific questions, please email the appropriate administrator or contact the board secretary if your question is for the school board.
- The meeting room has a limited seating capacity. Should the in-person capacity of the meeting room be reached, a sign-up sheet for public comment will be posted on the front door of the building. Individuals interested in providing public comment should sign up on the posted sheet and then watch the livestream from their vehicles on their personal devices utilizing the District's Guest Wi-Fi. Individuals who have signed up on the posted sheet will be called into the

meeting room to offer public comment during the appropriate public comment section.

### **Public Comments during Committee Meetings**

There will be a public comment period at the end of each meeting on agenda items only. A community member will be called upon by the Committee Chair. If the comment can be answered quickly, or can be answered in order to clarify information, someone will respond. If a community member has a more detailed question about a topic, the committee chair may refer the person to the superintendent or appropriate administrator to make an appointment so the question can be answered in more detail.

### **Public Comments during Monthly Board Meetings**

There are two designated public comment times:

- There is a public comment section at the beginning of the meeting for agenda items only (VI. Public Comments on Agenda Items). These are comments on agenda items the board is voting on during the meeting.
- There is a public comment section (XI. Comments from Residents) at the end of the meeting for any non-agenda items.
- [The School Board Meeting Agenda Packet](#) is posted on the website prior to the scheduled meeting (typically, 48 hours prior).