

PUBLIC COMMENT AT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All regular and special meetings of Milton School Building Committee (SBC) are open to the public, except meetings of the SBC in executive session, which are closed to the public. Meetings in executive session will be held only as prescribed by Massachusetts Law.

The SBC reserves up to the first fifteen (15) minutes of each of its regularly scheduled meetings in open session for "Citizens Speak."

In order to hear from as many members of the public as possible, and also to enable the SBC to conduct its business in an orderly manner, the following rules and procedures are adopted:

1. The length of Citizens Speak shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes
2. Speakers will be allowed up to three (3) minutes to present their material.
3. At the beginning of each regularly scheduled Committee meeting, members of the public shall be invited to address the SBC. The Chair shall instruct those members of the public who wish to speak to sign in on the "Citizens Speak" sign-up sheet. The Chair shall call to the attention of prospective speakers this policy, copies of which shall be available next to the sign-up sheet, and emphasize both that:
 - the SBC is interested in hearing their views; and
 - Citizens Speak is not intended to serve as a dialogue.
4. Citizens signing up to speak shall provide both their names and Milton addresses.
5. All speakers are encouraged to present their remarks in a respectful manner.
6. Citizens Speak may concern items that are within the scope of the SBC's authority.
7. Because policy-making requires time for deliberation and input from many sources, SBC members shall normally refrain from responding at that time to speakers' remarks.
8. Written comments that would require more than three (3) minutes to read shall be presented to the SBC either before or after the meeting for review and consideration at an appropriate time.
9. Improper conduct and remarks will not be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order, and shall be ruled so by the Chair. If a speaker persists in improper conduct or remarks, the Chair may terminate that individual's privilege of address.