



## CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

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### **Board Policy Statement**

#### **1120.00 – Public Participation at Board Meetings**

Approved on April 10, 2006

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#### **I. School Board Meetings**

The public is invited to attend Board Meetings and will be given limited time to voice opinions or problems at the beginning of the regular meeting. The time to be allotted for public presentation to the Board will be at the discretion of the Board Chair.

#### **II. School Board Hearings**

In order to consider the views of the public on major policy matters such as curriculum changes, school closings and the school budget, or any other pertinent matters impacting the school system, the Board may schedule special public hearings. The purpose of such hearings will not be for the discussion by Board Members of pending issued but to allow for the presentation of points of view by members of the public. Such public hearings may be scheduled immediately before or after a Board meeting or may be scheduled for a time unrelated to any Board meeting.

#### **III. School Board Public Forums**

The Board may periodically schedule public forums. The purpose is to allow members of the public to engage in an interchange of ideas and views with the Board in an interactive, open forum.

#### **IV. Information Regarding School Board Meetings and Hearings**

Individuals wishing to be heard at a Board meeting or Board hearing shall advise the President of the Board in advance by signing in on the public speaker sign-in sheet and be recognized by the President at the designated time. The person shall then identify himself/herself and proceed with brief comments. The President shall rule on such matters as the time allotment, appropriateness of the subject being presented and the suitability of the time for such presentation.