

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORM
Morrice Area Schools Board of Education**

Please present this form to the Board President prior to the opening of the Board of Education at 6:00 p.m.

Name		Date of meeting	
Address		City	
Zip Code		Phone number	

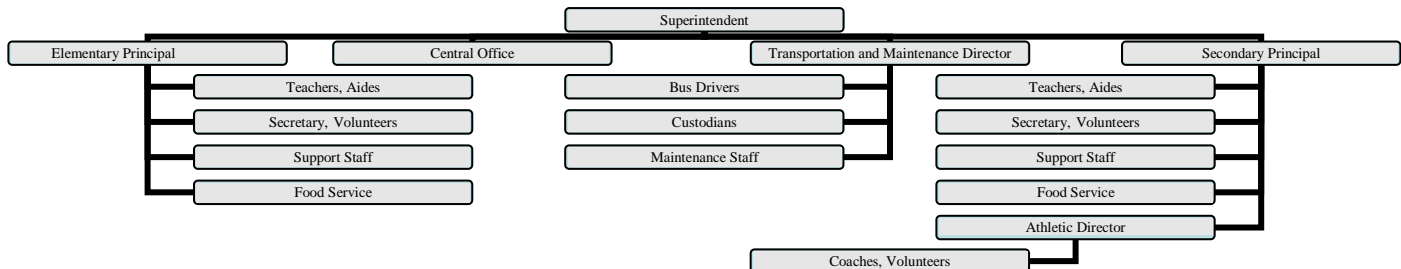
Please indicate the purpose of your participation in one of the following areas.

_____ ANNOUNCEMENT _____ COMMENT _____ AREA OF CONCERN

**NO BOARD RESPONSE WILL BE MADE AT THIS MEETING.
THE PRESIDENT MAY DIRECT STAFF TO ANSWER YOUR CONCERN.**

Please provide a brief explanation on the lines below.

Areas of concern are best handled at the source of the issue. The Board has established the following chain for resolution of these issues.



Please see the PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RULES on the reverse side of this sheet.

Morrice Area Schools Board of Education
Bylaw 0167.3 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

Bylaw 0167.3 page 7 of 9 – The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- B. Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the public portion of a meeting.
- C. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface their comments by an announcement of their names, address and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- D. Each statement made by a participant shall be **limited to five (5) minutes** duration, unless otherwise directed by the Board President.
- E. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
- F. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.
- G. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- H. The presiding officer may:
 - 1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
 - 2. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 - 3. request the assistance of law enforcement officials in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly conduct progress of the meeting;
 - 4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
 - 5. waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.

[M.C.L.A. 15.263 (4)(5)(6),380.1808]

The presiding officer will make the determination if an immediate answer or response is needed or if the response will be delivered at a later date.
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