



**Member Matters: Start of the School Year
Chat Log
Sept. 22, 2020**

- 12:08:03 From Susan Estep : What was the date for that?
- 12:08:42 From Stacy Bogard : Hi Susan--the Admin Pros Workshop is on Oct. 14.
- 12:08:57 From Stacy Bogard :
<https://www.masb.org/TrainingEvents/OtherEvents/DetailsPage/tabid/568/ArticleID/1474/Superintendent-Administrative-Professionals-Workshop-Live-Webinar.aspx>
- 12:10:26 From Susan Estep : Thank you. We have a brand new Assistant to the Superintendent, so this is perfect!
- 12:18:41 From Nick Rush : I will say that we are fully virtual on Wednesdays to allow teachers that space to catch up. Forgot to mention that...
- 12:19:22 From Kristin Flick : Hanover Horton (located in the same county as Nick at NW) is doing fully virtual on Wednesdays to accomplish the same.
- 12:23:09 From Birgit McQuiston : The Wednesday catch up day is great for districts using other virtual platforms. If teachers are involved in the online teaching, this does not necessarily help.
- 12:25:54 From Steven Scoville : We disabled Chat during board meetings
- 12:26:03 From Carl Weckerle : That was my question, how does virtual one day a week give teachers reprieve? Also, does anyone offer a hybrid option? How is that done without overwhelming teachers to double their workload?
- 12:26:19 From Nick Rush : I will say Birgit, while I agree it is not enough help (our district does have teachers doing both), it has been helpful. I think our teachers would be way more vocal in their challenges without that day of not having students there and the normal day responsibilities to have some more intentional planning time. My wife anyway has found it helpful.
- 12:26:51 From Maryanne VanHaitsma : We disable chat during meetings, but have public comment via raise hand
- 12:26:52 From Michelle Bueltel : We disable chats as well.

12:26:54 From Birgit McQuiston : Thanks for the Nick. I appreciate the feedback. We are not F2F yet, but hope to be.

12:27:05 From Birgit McQuiston : That is helpful input

12:27:18 From Lana Ford : We disable the chat too and provide two times for Public Comment.

12:27:20 From Nick Rush : We have public comment time and you have to register beforehand or during the meeting but we don't have chat available.

12:27:38 From Holly Spencer : We ask people to only use chat to sign up for public comment. For the most part people respect that.

12:27:39 From Matt Anderson : We finally disabled the chats, it was very disruptive even though board members could not see that part

12:28:13 From Maryanne VanHaitsma : Yes, much larger participation than in person meetings.

12:29:46 From Nick Rush : I just want to let the MASB folks know that I so appreciate this opportunity today to hear from other districts and absorb and reflect on all of this.

12:30:35 From Stacy Bogard : Thanks Nick—we love hearing from our members!

12:32:27 From Carl Weckerle : Frozen here too

12:32:27 From Matt Anderson : yes, hes frozen

12:33:40 From Eric-John Szczepaniak : Lastly, just wanted to mention that streaming your meetings (when you go back in person) is great! We know that a bunch of our community members want to tune in!

12:34:53 From Don Wotruba : Thanks Eric John

12:46:53 From Barbara Read : We limit total comment time at our board and divide the time up among those requesting to speak.

12:47:25 From Barbara Read : Up to 5 minutes and may be reduced if a lot of people wish to address the board. Total time up to 30 minutes.

12:47:50 From Howard Baron : You can limit time/comment.

\3 minutes, even 90 seconds.

12:47:54 From Nick Rush : We limit public comment to five minutes per individual or 10 minutes if you are speaking on behalf of a group...

12:48:02 From Birgit McQuiston : We do the public comments submitted by emails, and it has worked fairly well, but the comments are probably more contentious in this method. However, I know that my colleagues in Birmingham also do this and last week they

received 146 emails for public comment and after 4 1/2 hours of reading public comments, they recessed and had to reconvene to read the rest of them and complete their meeting.

12:49:22 From Brad Banasik : Public comment cannot be limited to 30, 60, etc minutes. If you have 50 people who wish to address the Board, you have to permit that.

12:50:36 From Brad Banasik : I think limiting individual public comment to 90 seconds is very questionable.

12:57:06 From Birgit McQuiston : I don't think I mentioned it but I am from Lake Orion Schools in Oakland County.

12:57:08 From Barbara Read : Thanks, Brad, I will take this back to my school board! We do usually let people keep talking if it's a passionate topic. They want to be heard, and we understand that.

12:57:41 From Howard Baron : Brad, I just watched the Independent Citizen's Redistricting Commission meeting last week run by the State Secretary of State. Public comment was limited to 90 seconds.
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Redistricting_Meeting_Notice_September_17_and_18_2020_702231_7.pdf

12:59:42 From Barbara Read : First Public Commentary

The first public commentary, scheduled near the beginning of all Board meetings, workshops, and committee meetings, shall be limited to an accumulated time of thirty (30) minutes. Time may be extended at the discretion of the Board President or presiding chair. Individual speakers will be allotted a maximum of five (5) minutes, however, the time may be reduced if a large number of persons wishes to address the Board. In these instances, the number of speakers will be divided equally into the thirty (30)-minute time limit. For example, if ten (10) persons wish to address the Board, each individual will be given three (3) minutes.

12:59:47 From Brad Banasik : OK...I still think it's questionable. Public comment rules must be written to encourage public comment. I don't believe allowing someone to talk for 90 seconds is encouraging public comment.

12:59:51 From Barbara Read : Our bylaw

13:00:55 From Howard Baron : Brad, take that issue up with Sec. Benson.

13:01:12 From Barbara Read : It's NEOLA 7/6/10

13:01:21 From Maryanne VanHaitsma : Thank you all. Very helpful to hear.

13:01:23 From Lana Ford : This was great to hear from everyone. Thank you.

13:01:26 From Birgit McQuiston : Thank you Don, Stacy, Brad and staff!!!

13:01:29 From Jack Temsey : Thanks for the information and discussion

13:01:39 From Barbara Read : Thank you!! I like these meetings!
13:01:49 From Howard Baron : Thanks, all!
13:01:59 From Howard Baron : Good meeting.
13:02:12 From Kristin Flick : Thanks.
13:02:14 From Timothy Emery : Thanks