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**ROCHESTER BEACON ACADEMY
POLICY No. 207
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

I. PURPOSE

The Rochester Beacon Academy ("RBA") board of directors ("board") recognizes the importance of obtaining public input on matters properly before the board during a public hearing. The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures to efficiently receive public input.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

For the board to efficiently receive public input on matters properly before the board, the board establishes the procedures set forth in this policy.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Public Hearings

Public hearings are required by law concerning certain issues. Additionally, other public hearings on RBA matters may be held at the board's discretion.

B. Notice of Public Hearings

Public notice of a public hearing required by law shall be given as provided by the enabling legislation. Public notice of other hearings shall be given in the manner required for a regular meeting if held in conjunction with a regular meeting, in the manner required for a special meeting if held in conjunction with a special meeting, or as otherwise determined by the board.

C. Public Participation

The board retains the right to require that those in attendance at a public hearing indicate their desire to address the board and complete and file with the Secretary of the board an appropriate request card prior to commencement of the hearing if the board utilizes this procedure. In that case, any request to address the board after the commencement of the hearing will be granted only at the board's discretion.

1. Format of Request

If required by the board, a written request of an individual or a group to address the board shall contain the name of the person or group seeking to address the board. It shall also contain the name of the group represented, if any, and a brief statement of the subject to be covered or the issue to be addressed.

2. Time Limitation

The board retains the discretion to limit the time for each presentation as needs dictate.

3. Groups

The board retains the discretion to require that any group of persons who

desire to address the board designate one representative or spokesperson. If the board requires designation of a representative or spokesperson, no other person in the group will be recognized to address the board, except as the board otherwise determines.

4. Privilege to Speak

A board member should direct remarks or questions through the Board Chair. Only those speakers recognized by the Chair will be allowed to speak. Comments by others are out of order. Individuals who interfere with or interrupt speakers, the board, or the proceedings may be directed to leave.

5. Personal Attacks

Personal attacks by anyone addressing the board are unacceptable. Persistence in such remarks by an individual shall terminate that person's privilege to address the board.

6. Limitations on Participation

Depending upon the number of persons in attendance seeking to be heard, the board reserves the right to impose such other limitations and restrictions as necessary to provide an orderly, efficient, and fair opportunity to be heard.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process for Reviewing Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement Goals; Striving for Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness)