

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR OCTOBER 6, 2020 BOARD FORUM

On October, 6, 2020, the Rutland City Board of School Commissioners will hold a public forum regarding the representation of the district's schools through symbols, monikers, and mascots.

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the forum will take place on the district's Zoom platform. The forum will begin at 5:00 PM. The link to access that meeting is here: https://rcpsvt.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OuqFMS56SVa6uKmkqzNhSg.

In order to view and/ or speak in the forum, members of the public must register through the link on the Zoom platform.

The Rutland City Board of School Commissioners welcomes public comment. This is an opportunity for citizens to express their thoughts and comments to the Board. The Board will not engage in public discussion or dialogue at this time.

The guidelines below are subject to modification in the Board Chair's sole discretion per Robert's Rules of Order.

Members of the public wishing to address the board need to sign up in advance. This is an additional step beyond registering to view the forum. In order to speak to the Board, members of the public must email Betty Kapitan at bkapitan@rcpsvt.org or call her at 786-1996. Those who request to be put on the list to address the board will be positioned in the order that the district receives a phone or email communication. Speakers should provide a name, address, and a phone contact number in case there are technical difficulties.

The opportunity to register as a speaker will close at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Please know as well that in order to allow students the opportunity to share their thoughts, there will be a limited number of speaking slots reserved to students.

The Board Chair will recognize members of the public from the list of those who requested to speak during public comment. Each person will be allowed to speak only once on the topic. Speakers must prepare remarks to fit within a 2-minute limit. There will be an overall limit on the public comment time. All speakers must yield to the timekeeper and the Board Chair. Given time constraints, there is no guarantee that all those who sign up will be able to address the board.

The School Board expects that each speaker will be courteous, modeling for our students how one can respectfully present their comments/concerns, especially when in disagreement with others' views. Speakers will address their comments to the entire Board, not to one individual Board member, the Superintendent, a staff member, or the audience.