

Twenty Minutes for All?

To the Editor:

"Be fair, be respectful and show equality to all who are speaking" - did you forget your own words Monday night? I was not able to attend but my husband and I watched and asked the same question: What happened to 20 minutes per topic?

On Monday, March 5, the BOE showed a complete lack of respect for the hundreds of parents in these two towns whom in the past have been cut-off because of your privilege of the floor time rule of 20 minutes per topic.

For instance, as Ms. Barber, I believe, mentioned, the time in October when 50 to 100 parents were sent away unheard because the fire marshal could not let them in the room and the few who were heard learned after 20 minutes, "time was up."

It's obvious that when the speakers are in favor of the reconfiguration, or for any other BOE plans, we can talk all night.

If your goal was to show just how one-sided and arrogant the BOE is toward those opposing its plans, congratulations, you have succeeded.

These two towns are being torn apart by your reconfiguration plans and this just added fuel to an already huge fire.

If you would like this dilemma to be fair to all parties, please make an attempt at following your own rules and treat each group, whether in favor of or opposed to, with the same level of respect.

I have given, until now, the school board the respect I thought it deserved. Monday night, you lost my respect and I am guessing, the respect of many others.

Please don't bother to respond; our family is not in favor of your reconfiguration plan and I am sure my five minutes is up.

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