

Public Comment Guidelines

The Public Comment portion of the meeting is for the School Board to listen to community members. Opinions and ideas contributed by students, parents, staff and other citizens are valuable to the School Board. The Board will receive such input without comment to any items brought forth. The Board may direct the Superintendent of Schools to consider such an item at an appropriate place on the agenda or at a subsequent meeting.

- Those wishing to speak during the Public Comment portion of the meeting should sign up on the sheet on the table at the front of the board meeting room listing their name, address and the matter on which they will speak
- The Board has set aside up to 45 minutes for this purpose, and asks that each individual limits their comments to three (3) minutes.
- Persons addressing the Board may not merge their time in order to allow one person to speak for more than three minutes
- If there are more than three (3) individuals wishing to speak about the same topic, the Board encourages participants to identify three (3) individuals to speak on behalf of the group, and to submit the remaining comments in writing
- If you have handouts for the Board, please give them to the School Board Secretary located in the back of the room
- Persons addressing the Board shall confine their comments to matters pertaining to the agenda or relevant to matters of administrative concern

During this time that the public is not allowed to attend the meetings due to the pandemic you have two options for submitting public comment:

- Leave a message on the public comment voicemail @ 218-336-8730
 - State and spell your name, state the topic you are speaking to - you will have three minutes to make your comments
 - The voice messages will be played at the regular monthly school board meeting
- Submit an email to public.comment@isd709.org
 - The emails will be attached to the regular board meeting agenda as a public document and will not be read aloud
 - Please note that all board members receive the public comment emails and voice messages as they come in
- Please follow the civility code when making your comments.
- When the public comment period opens the School Board Chair will ask the voice messages to be played

If you would like to send comments to school board members, without having them part of the public comment record, you can email all board members at schoolboard@isd709.org