

5 Audience Participation

7 The Board values public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving
8 members of the public in its meetings. The Board also recognized the statutory and constitutional
9 rights of the public to participate in governmental operations. To allow fair and orderly
10 expression of public comments, the Board will permit public participation through oral or written
11 comments during the “public comment” section of the Board agenda and prior to a final decision
12 on a matter of significant interest to the public. The Board Chairperson may control such
13 comment to ensure an orderly progression of the meeting in the manner described in Policy
14 1420P.

16 Cross Reference:

17 Policy 1420 School Board Meeting Procedure
18 Policy 1420P Notice Regarding Public Comment

20 Legal Reference:

21 Article II, Section 8, Montana Constitution Right of Participation
22 Article II, Section 10, Montana Constitution Right of Privacy
23 Chapter 2, Part 1, MCA Notice and Opportunity to be Heard

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