

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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5 Notice Regarding Public Comment

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7 Montana law requires school districts and other public agencies to include on the agenda for
8 public meetings an item allowing public comment on any public matter not otherwise
9 specifically listed on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the agency. The public comment
10 portion of the agenda is not the time designated to hear items that are specifically
11 listed/identified on the agenda.

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13 Individuals who desire to address the Board during the public comment portion of the meeting
14 needs to complete a request to speak card indicating the general topic of comment. The Board
15 Chairperson will call individuals to speak in the order listed on the sheet provided. Individuals
16 will be asked to state their name prior to beginning their comment. The Board would like to
17 remind everyone in attendance to avoid violations of individual right of privacy when providing
18 comment. The Board is not authorized to hear comments on contested cases or other adjudicative
19 proceedings.

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21 By law, the District cannot take any action on any matter discussed during the public comment
22 portion of the meeting as those matters are not specifically noticed on the agenda. The Board
23 may take a matter raised during the public comment period under consideration for inclusion on
24 a future agenda.

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26 In accordance with Montana law, citizens have the right to comment on an item that is
27 specifically listed on the agenda. Citizens will be permitted to do so when the item comes up for
28 discussion and action. The Board Chairperson will indicate when the public has the opportunity
29 to comment prior to Board action on a particular agenda item.

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31 The Board Chairperson has the authority to manage all public comment periods and will do so in
32 accordance with state law and district policy.

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34 Cross Reference:

35 Policy 1420 School Board Meeting Procedure

36 Policy 1441 Audience Participation

37 Policy 1441R Audience Participation

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39 Policy History:

40 Adopted on: October 12, 2020

41 Revised on:

42 Revised on: