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5 Public Charter Schools

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7 The Board of Trustees may submit an application in response to a request for proposal from the
8 Board of Public Education to establish a public charter school consistent with Montana law. Any
9 application for a public charter school submitted under this provision shall be consistent with the
10 mission and vision of the District as specified in the strategic plan for continuous improvement
11 adopted by the Board of Trustees.

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13 Requests for Creation of School or Program

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15 The Board of Trustees shall review any request from an individual or entity unaffiliated with the
16 District to create a school or program within the District to determine if the requested school or
17 program is currently addressed by District operations or meets the mission and vision of the
18 District as specified in the strategic plan for continuous improvement. The Board is authorized to
19 refer the request to a committee established in accordance with Policy 1130 for hearing and
20 consideration with a report to the full Board. Any meeting conducted for the purpose of
21 considering a request to create a school or program shall be held in open session in accordance
22 with Policy 1400.

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24 The Board is authorized to respond to a request to create a school or program within the District
25 by stating the requested school or program is currently offered by the District or by granting or
26 denying the request. If the requested school or program is currently offered by the District, the
27 Board will outline how the school or program operates and how students may access the school
28 or program. If the Board grants the request, it shall set a documented timeline for implementing
29 the school or program consistent with District operations. If the Board of Trustees declines the
30 request to create the school or program, it shall document for future reference the reasons the
31 request is inconsistent with the mission and vision of the District as specified in the strategic plan
32 for continuous improvement. Any request previously declined by the Board of Trustees may be
33 reconsidered at a future meeting.

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35 Cross Reference

36 Policy 1130 Committees
37 Policy 1400 Board Meetings

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39 Legal References:

40 § 20-6-502, MCA Opening or Reopening of Elementary School
41 §20-6-801-820, MCA Public Charter Schools
42 10.55.608, ARM Charter School Application

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44 Policy History:

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