

1 **Browning Public Schools**

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3 Policy # **1441F**

4 Policy Name: *Public Notice Regarding Public Comment*

5 Regulation: -----

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

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15 For those individuals who desire to address the Board during the public comment portion of the
16 meeting, if you haven't already done so, please sign your name to the sheet and indicate the
17 general topic on which you will be commenting. The Board Chairperson will call individuals to
18 speak in the order listed on the sheet provided. Please state your name prior to beginning your
19 comment. There will be an opportunity for citizens who have not signed in to comment at the
20 conclusion of the comment period. The Board would like to remind everyone in attendance to
21 avoid violations of individual rights of privacy when providing comment. The Board is not
22 authorized to hear comments on contested cases or other adjudicative proceedings.

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

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

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34 The Board Chair has the authority to manage all public comment periods and will do so in
35 accordance with state law and district policy.

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37 **Policy History:**

38 Adopted on:

39 Reviewed on: 3/9/21

40 Revised on: