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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
DATE: December 18, 2018
FROM: Jean Shumate
RE: Approval of the Second Reading/Adoption of Revised Policy
TYPE: Action Required

The Board of Directors' Policy 1430, Audience Participation, was revised. The Audience Participation time changed from the beginning of the meeting to near the end of the meeting, after the consent agenda.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approves the second reading/adoption of the revised Board of Directors' Policy 1430, Audience Participation.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the board will provide a period at the beginning near the end of the meeting after the consent agenda during which visitors may present to the board. If possible, such presentations should be scheduled in advance.

The board will also allow individuals to express an opinion prior to board action on agenda items that the board determines require or will benefit from public comment. Written and oral comments will be accepted by the board before the adoption or amendment of policies. Individuals wishing to be heard by the board will first be recognized by the president.

Individuals, after identifying themselves, will proceed to make comments within the time limits established by the board. Any representative of a firm eligible to bid on materials or services solicited by the board shall also be entitled to express an opinion. The president may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy. The board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting should contact the superintendent's office no later than three days before a regular meeting and as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so that arrangements for the modification can be made.

Cross References:

Policy 1400 Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum

Legal References:

RCW 42.30.030 Meetings declared open and public
RCW 42.30.050 Interruptions –Procedures
42 U.S.C. 12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act