



NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NWABSD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Policy Committee Meeting

Conducted via Teams and in the NWABSD Boardroom

Agenda

August 26, 2024

1. Roll Call
2. Items for 2nd Reading (Public Comment has been sought via the [District Website](#))
 - a. **BB-9250 Bylaws of the Board – Renumeration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits**
 - i. Board request to review
 - ii. Update Board per diem annually per <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/pdcgi/pd-rates/opdrates5ap.cgi?country=ALASKA&date=04-01-24&military=YES&submit2=CALCULATE>
3. Items for 1st Reading:
 - a. **BP 3515.6 Use of School Safety Video Surveillance Monitoring Systems**
 - i. This update adds FERPA language and revises subpoena language to follow applicable laws. Subpoenas are not required in every situation, as previously stated.
 - b. **BP 3540 Transportation**
 - i. NWABSD has BP 3540 labeled as TRAVEL, not Transportation.
 - ii. This update aligns BP3540 with the AASB Transportation policy and moves staff travel verbiage to the appropriate BP 4133.
 - c. **BP 3541.2 Transportation for Children with Disabilities**
 - i. This update includes additional inclusive language and updated references.
 - d. **BP 4112.10 Employment of Retired Teachers - *NEW* *Waive 2nd Reading***
 - i. The NWABSD does not currently have this policy adopted. It was added by AASB in 2020.
 - ii. This BP is required for Districts who hire retired teachers
4. Items for Board Bylaw Review:
 - a. **BB 9020 – Board Standards - *NEW***
 - i. NEW—This model policy was adopted by AASB in 1992 and is new to the NWABSD. The NWABSD Board Policy Committee recommends reviewing it.
 - ii. **E 9020 – Board Standards - *NEW*** – Exhibit

Committee Members: Carol Schaeffer (Chairperson), Marie Greene, Millie Hawley, Alice Melton Barr
Technology Director: Amy Eakin

MISSION: To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel.
VISION: To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future.

5. Other Items Being Worked On:

a. **BP-3554 - Other Food Sales**

- i. Administrative Services to relay information to Principals
 - 1. Check with the State on pre-orders versus the immediate sale of foods
 - 2. Allow pre-orders as long as goods are not delivered during hours stated in the BP
- ii. Review along with BP 5040

b. **BP-5040 – Student Nutrition and Physical Activity**

- i. The Board recommended allowing the use of food as a reward.
- ii. Administrative Services is researching the US Code and State Regulations.
- iii. AR-5040 – To be reviewed by an advisory group through the Curriculum Department

c. **AR 0410 - Title IX** policy implementing the 2020 Title IX regulation remains in effect.

- i. AASB has notified the District of the following:
 - 1. On April 19, 2024, the United States Department of Education issued numerous amendments to its Title IX regulations, which had most recently been updated in 2020.
 - 2. However, since the release of the amendments, various groups and states have filed lawsuits to prevent their implementation. The State of Alaska joined one of these lawsuits brought by the State of Kansas, in *State of Kansas v. United States Department of Education*, Case No. 24-4041-JWB. On July 2, 2024, the United States District Court judge hearing Kansas' lawsuit issued a preliminary injunction prohibiting the implementation of the new Title IX amendments in the states that had joined the suit, including Alaska. This injunction did not include a ruling on the merits of the case, but pauses the implementation of the amendments until the lawsuit is resolved.
 - 3. ***Title IX amendments will not go into effect for Alaska school districts on August 1, and Alaska school districts should not update their Title IX policies until the case is resolved or the preliminary injunction is lifted.***

d. **BB-9200 - Bylaws of the Board - Board Members**

- i. Update 1 per AASB - This bylaw adds further clarity to how complaints brought to the board should be addressed and requires board approval for legal opinions.
 - 1. The complaint process clarified with AASB and the verbiage has been updated to reflect when a board member should go to the Superintendent

- ii. Update 2 per AASB - This bylaw has been revised to clarify that no board members should abstain from a vote absent a compelling reason to do so.

6. New Items for Committee Review:

a. **BP 4133/4233/4333 All Personnel – Travel Expenses**

- i. This update includes verbiage from the former duplicate travel policy - BP 3540.

ii. **E 4133/4233/4333 All Personnel – Travel Expenses**

- 1. In addition, the Board requests to review student/staff per diem amounts and proportional meals.

b. **UPDATES FOR FY25**

- i. AASB released a small batch (5) of recommended updates in July
- ii. Another release is expected in September
- iii. The NWABSD continues to work through the Board, Superintendent, Staff, and audit-recommended updates

7. Questions

