

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: February 24, 2026

NUMBER: 26-086

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BP 10000
Concepts and Roles; First
Reading

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Track 1: Operational Improvements
Initiative: Optimize Business Practices

ABSTRACT:

Board policy revisions require Board approval.

ISSUE:

At issue is to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 10000 Concepts and Roles and open for public comments.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for board policy revisions when the law changes or specific needs occur. Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board.

This is the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 10000 Concepts and Roles within the Charter Schools series.

This is a new policy that establishes the concepts and roles of a charter school within the NWABSD.

The Board Policy Committee reviewed the proposed changes, recommends approval and to open for public comments.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 10000 Concepts and Roles as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 10000 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 10000 Concepts and Roles as presented and open for public comments.

BP 10000 CONCEPTS AND ROLES

Charter schools are schools established under AS 14.03.250 that operate within the public school district. Charter schools are established upon the approval by the Northwest Arctic Borough School Board (hereafter referred to as School Board) and the State Board of Education and Early Development (hereafter referred to as State Board of Education) of an application for a charter school. Charter schools shall operate under a written contract between the charter school and the School Board.

The School Board Shall:

1. Prescribe an application procedure, including the formation of an Academic Policy Committee (APC).
4. (cf. 10040 – Academic Policy Committee)
2. Make decisions on charter school applications in writing and issued within 60 days, including relevant findings of fact and conclusions of law.
3. Provide an annual program budget based on student enrollment.
4. Require that Academic Policy Committees support the mission and strategic plan goals of the School District by communicating feedback to the School Board, including recommended responses and actions.

Role of the Superintendent

1. Once the School Board has a decision in regards to a contract with the Charter School, they will work with the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) to communicate the decision of the Board in regards to the Charter School.
2. Work with the Principal and APC to ensure reports are timely to the School Board.
3. Ensure that the Charter is following their contract with the School District.

To guide these efforts, the School Board adopts the following definitions:

"Employees" of charter schools are considered employees of the District with all rights guaranteed by their respective collective bargaining agreements unless specifically waived by mutual agreement between the appropriate bargaining unit and School Board.

"Principal" means a person selected by the Academic Policy Committee to select, appoint, or otherwise supervise employees of the charter school. This person is required to possess an Alaska Type B Administrative Certificate. The school-District assumes no responsibility for employing this person after the termination of the charter

school contract ~~unless~~ except as required by state statute and/or an applicable negotiated agreement ~~the person has tenure.~~

“~~Head~~ Lead Teacher” means a person selected by the Academic Policy Committee to select, appoint, or otherwise supervise employees of the charter school. This person is not required to possess an Alaska Type B Administrative Certificate. If a type B is not possessed, the individual may not conduct certificated employee evaluations. The ~~school~~ District assumes no responsibility for employing this person after the termination of the charter school contract except as required by state statute and/or an applicable negotiated agreement ~~unless the person has tenure.~~

"Annual program budget" means the funding generated by students enrolled in the charter school as set forth in AS 14.03.260.

Note: Charter schools operating correspondence programs must comply with the requirements for state approval and operation as set forth in 4 AAC 33.405 – 4 AAC 33.490. Charter schools operating residential programs must comply with the requirements set forth in AS 14.16.100 and 4 AAC 33.090.

Legal Reference:

Alaska Statutes

14.03.250-14.03.280 Charter Schools

AS 14.16.100 Application for residential school

Alaska Administrative Code

4 AAC 33.110-119 Charter Schools

4 AAC 33.405 - .490 Correspondence Study Programs

4 AAC 33.090 District-operated statewide and district-wide residential schools

Adopted:

Northwest Arctic Borough School District