

SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

Title: Board Policies for 1st Read

Date: October 13, 2026

Administrator: Jamie Burgess, Superintendent

Attachments: Board Policies (Redline Versions)



Action Needed



For Discussion



Information



Other

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board Policy Committee met on September 17, 2026 and reviewed Board Policy Updates recommended by the Alaska Association of School Boards. Associated ARs or Exhibits will be presented underneath the Superintendent's Report in November.

The following policies are recommended for first read.

BP 0430 Community School Program - this update revises the note to reflect that the statute requiring these programs has long been repealed, and revises the policy language to state the programs may still be operated voluntarily. (An AR to reflect same will be presented in November).

BP 1420 Tribal Consultation - this is a new policy with accompanying AR and Exhibit to create a framework for districts to follow in consultation with Alaska tribes. (AR and Exhibit will be presented in November).

BP 3550 Food Service - This is updated to reflect a new state statute which prohibits certain food dyes in foods served to students.

BP 3580 District Records - updates policy to reflect new records retention requirements related to the E-Rate program.

BP 4112.10 Employment of Retired Teachers - update adds language which allows regional resource centers to employ retired teachers.

BP 5040 Student Nutrition and Physical Activity - related to BP3550 update, revises language to reflect prohibitions for certain food dyes.

BP 5141.21 Administering Medication - clarifies that various health care providers may authorize students to take medication during the school day. Defines health care provider. (AR will be presented in November).

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BP 6114 Crisis Response Plan - incorporates a new law that requires districts to provide CPR training to certain grade levels. DEED is responsible for preparing and disseminating the curricula, and this requirement takes effect July 1, 2027.

BP 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements - incorporates change in number of elective credits needed for graduation in response to Nome-Beltz High School moving to a six period schedule. Also includes a requirement effective July 1 2027 for students to take and pass a civics education curriculum and assessment to receive a diploma (with several exceptions). DEED will be responsible for preparing and disseminating the curricula. (A corresponding AR will be presented in November).

BP 6146.4 Reciprocity on Graduation Requirements - clarifies that Boards may designate the authority to waive credit requirements for transfer students per state statute.

BP 6172 Special Education - incorporates a new law requiring additional support and communication for deaf and hard of hearing students.

BB 9210 Qualification - updated to include a new law prohibiting persons who have been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude from serving on school boards, with an exception.

BB 9220 School Board Elections - includes several changes due to recent laws passed, including allowing municipal governments to change length of a school board member's term in office via ordinance, allowing REAA school board members to also serve as substitute teachers, and including the language regarding eligibility from BB 9210.

BB 9230 Orientation - includes new language due to a state statute requiring board members to engage in DEED-provided ethics and budget training.

BB 9324 Board Minutes - provides guidelines on the retention of board minutes and recordings of board meetings.

BP 10020 Charter School Application - minor update reflecting the revised name of the exhibit (to be presented at the November meeting).

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends approval of first read of the Board Policies and Board Bylaws as listed.

Sample Motion: I move to approve first read of the Board Policies and Board Bylaws as listed.