

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: April 29, 2025

NUMBER: 25-116

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BB 9220
Elections; 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 BB 9220 Elections 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 BB 9220 Elections within the Board Bylaw series.

This update includes clarified verbiage around staff elected to the Board, additional policy citations, and updated notes.

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 BB 9220 Elections as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BB 9220 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BB 9220 Elections as presented and open for public comments.

BB 9220 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

School Board members shall be elected for a three-year term in accordance with procedures established by ordinance for municipal elections or by state regulations for regional educational attendance areas.

Any person eligible to be a voter in the district is eligible for School Board membership. ~~However, a~~ district employee may seek election to the School Board but must resign his/her position with the district if elected. ~~elected to the Board must resign his/her position with the Board in order to qualify for Board membership.~~

(cf. 9110 – Board Membership)

~~**Note:** If subject to the provisions of A.S. 39.50.020, elected municipal officers, including school board members are required to file financial disclosure statements upon filing for office and annually after election.~~

Note: The following optional language is intended to avoid situations which may be viewed as a conflict of interest.

A School Board member should resign from the School Board before seeking to secure district employment. In no event shall a final decision for hire be made prior to receiving the School Board member's resignation.

(cf. 9210 - Qualifications)

(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and other Benefits)

(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

Note: The following options should be revised or deleted as appropriate in light of applicable municipal ordinances or state regulations. AS 29.26.060 requires runoff elections for school boards unless otherwise provided by municipal ordinance. AS 14.08.071 authorizes regional school boards, by resolution, to request of the Lieutenant Governor that runoff elections not be held.

Whenever it is impossible to determine which of two or more candidates has been elected to the School Board, a runoff election shall be held in accordance with law.

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Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

[14.08.041](#) *Regional school boards*

[14.08.051](#) *School board sections*

[14.08.061](#) *Term of office*

[14.08.071](#) *Elections*

[14.08.081](#) *Recall*

[14.12.050](#) *School board terms*

[14.12.080](#) *Qualification of members*

[14.12.110](#) *Single body as assembly and school board*

[14.14.140](#) *Restrictions on employment*

[29.20.300](#) *School boards*

[29.26.060](#) *Runoff elections*

[39.50.020](#) *Report of financial and business interests*

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Northwest Arctic Borough School District