

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: February 24, 2026

NUMBER: 26-087

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BP 10010
Establishment of Charter
Schools; 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 10010 Establishment of Charter Schools 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 10010 Establishment of Charter Schools within the Charter Schools series.

This is a new policy that outlines the process for establishing a charter school.

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 10010 Establishment of Charter Schools as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 10010 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 10010 Establishment of Charter Schools as presented and open for public comments.

BP 10010 ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

The School Board shall give appropriate consideration to any charter school application, in light of its overall effect on the School ~~d~~District's children and the proposed school's ability to function effectively and meet its goals. The School Board desires to support innovations which improve student learning and views charter schools as an opportunity to implement school-level reform. In accordance with law, the proposed charter must include descriptions of the vision, mission and goals of the charter school, the governance structure which will be used, the educational outcomes to be attained by students, and the method by which progress in meeting these outcomes will be measured. The mission of the proposed charter school must be compatible with the School Board's priorities and the existing mission statement and strategic plan of the ~~d~~District.

Charter school applications must be in accordance with AS 14.03.250. Charter school applications and renewals may be submitted at any time; ~~however,~~ they must be received by the ~~school-d~~District no later than October 1 preceding the school year for which applicants propose commencement of charter school operations. All applications will be subject to administrative review and comment prior to the School Board's review. A charter school shall begin operation as agreed with the School Board, but no later than the first day of the count period of the year approved for opening.

Legal Reference:

Alaska Statutes

14.03.250 Application for Charter Schools

Adopted:

Northwest Arctic Borough School District