

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: April 29, 2025

NUMBER: 25-112

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BP 8000
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 8000 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 8000 Concepts and Roles within the Advisory School Council series.

This update includes 2021 AASB revision recommendations including law updates and role clarifications.

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 8000 Concepts and Roles as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 8000 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 8000 Concepts and Roles as presented and open for public comments.

BP 8000 CONCEPTS AND ROLES

Note: AS 14.08.115 requires regional school boards to establish an advisory school board in each community with more than 50 permanent residents. Pursuant to AS 14.12.035, borough school districts may establish advisory school boards. The following sample policy is based on material from the Alaska Gateway School Districts may be revised or deleted to reflect district philosophy and needs.

The Advisory School Council functions under the direction of the School Board. School Board policy and actions shall prevail and be followed. The Advisory School Council's function is advisory except in those areas that have been specified by School Board.

(cf. 8200 - Powers and Duties)

(cf. 9310 - Policy Manual)

The Advisory School Council shall seek to learn the will of the people of the community and to represent their interests ~~by communicating issues and concerns of the community to the school principal and in actions taken by the Advisory School Board Council.~~

The Advisory School Council shall develop an effective working relationship with the school personnel, particularly the principal ~~Site Administrator~~ or designee.

The administration and the Advisory School Council are expected to work together cooperatively for the betterment of the local school. This relationship should ideally be modeled on the relationship between the School Board and Superintendent or designee, i.e., the Site Administrator shall be the executive officer of the Advisory School Council and administrative head of all the parts of the school.

Role of the School Board

The School Board shall:

1. Establish Advisory School Councils where required by law and as deemed to be in the best interests of the District. ~~in each community.~~
2. Determine the membership and method of selection of Advisory School Councils.
3. Determine the powers and duties of Advisory School Councils.
4. Require that Advisory School Councils support the mission and goals of the District by communicating feedback to the regional board, including recommended responses and actions.

3.

Role of the Superintendent or Designee

The Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Supervise the conduct of elections of Advisory School Council members.
- 4.2. Oversee the operation of elections of Advisory School Councils and report to the School Board, regarding the relationship between Advisory School Councils and the schools.
- 2.3. Solicit and receive recommendations from the Advisory School Council.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.08.115 Advisory Sschool Bboards in REAA

14.12.035 Advisory Sschool Bboards in Borough Sschool Districts

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 05.010 - 4 AAC 05.090 Local education

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