BP 3455 (a) CHARITABLE GAMING ACTIVITIES (Second Read)

The School Board authorizes the Superintendent or Designee to provide a framework for authorized fundraising activities involving games of chance or contests of skill (gaming) under Alaska law, and to ensure that any such activity by the District or by a school-affiliated organization is conducted in compliance with state law, ethical standards, and sound fiscal oversight.

Prohibition of Unauthorized Gaming

No games of chance or contests of skill may be conducted under the auspices of the District or any school-affiliated organization unless a valid permit has been issued by the State of Alaska and all regulatory requirements have been satisfied (see AS 05.15.100 et seq.; 15 AAC 160.020 et seq.).

Eligibility and Application

If the District or a school-affiliated organization (such as a booster club, PTA, or similar "qualified organization") wishes to engage in gaming, the organization must meet state eligibility criteria, complete the required application, and obtain a state gaming permit prior to any gaming activity (see AS 05.15.100(a); 15 AAC 160.020).

Use of Proceeds

Any net proceeds from approved gaming activities must be dedicated to the purposes permitted under AS 05.15.150(a)—i.e., charitable, educational, civic, or public uses—and not diverted to unauthorized purposes.

Age and Game Type Limitations

The District will not permit gaming activities that involve prohibited devices or implements (e.g., playing cards, dice, roulette wheels, coin-operated machines designed primarily for gambling) as per AS 05.15.180(a). Students under age 19 may not play bingo games under state law (AS 05.15.180(f)).

Oversight and Accountability

The District and any participating organization shall maintain detailed financial records of all gaming activities, ensure bank accounts are properly titled and use dual signers (as required by 15 AAC 160.020(a)(5) and the state's permit instructions), and report to the Board annually (or more frequently as required) on gaming activity, revenues, expenditures, prize distributions, and compliance.

Volunteers/Staff Roles

Any school staff or volunteer who acts in a managerial or supervisory capacity for the gaming activity must meet the requirements of the state regulation regarding a "manager of gaming" (15 AAC 160.365) and ensure no conflicts of interest or prohibited financial interests exist.

Contracted Operators/Vendors

If the District or affiliated organization engages a third-party operator or vendor to conduct gaming on behalf of the permittee, such operator must hold the required license/endorsement (15 AAC 160.190) and all contractual terms must comply with state law/regulation.

Revocation or Suspension

The District reserves the right to suspend or terminate any gaming activity if state permit requirements are not maintained, if non-compliance is discovered, or if the activity poses legal or reputational risk to the District.

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Superintendent/Designee Approval

All gaming activities must be approved in advance by the Superintendent or Designee, including review of the permit application, banking arrangements, prize structure, and anticipated net proceeds usage.

Reporting to State

The District (or the organization acting on its behalf) shall ensure timely reporting and renewal of any gaming permit as required by the state (15 AAC 160.020(b)) and retain all application materials and records for at least three years (15 AAC 160.020(d)).

Definitions

Gaming – For purposes of this policy, "gaming" means any activity authorized under AS 05.15 and the corresponding regulations involving games of chance (e.g., raffles, pull-tabs, bingo) or contests of skill as defined by state law.

Qualified Organization – As defined in state law (AS 05.15.690(39)), an organization that operates not-for-profit, meets membership/residency criteria, and is eligible to obtain a gaming permit.

School-affiliated organization – A parent/teacher organization, booster club, or other nonprofit organization whose members and mission are connected to the District or its schools.

Permittee – The entity (District, school-affiliated organization) that obtains a gaming permit from the state and is responsible for compliance with state law/regulation.

Review

This policy will be reviewed as needed to reflect changes in state law or administrative regulations.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

05.15.100 - Issuance of permits and licenses

05.15.150 – Limitation on use of proceeds

05.15.180 – Limitation on authorized activity

05.15.690 - Definitions

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

15 AAC 160.020 – Permit application

15 AAC 160.190 - Operator's license required

<u>15 AAC 160.365</u> – Manager of gaming

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