

BP 8120 Elections

Note: Pursuant to AS 14.08.115 and AS 14.12.035, the school board prescribes the manner of selecting advisory boards. Effective 2014, regional educational attendance areas ("REAA") may request that advisory school board elections be conducted by the Division of Elections ("Division"). If a request is made, the election will be held on the first Tuesday in October. AS 14.08.071(e). In such a case, the role of the Division is limited and REAAs retain most of the obligations for conducting the election. In addition, the Division will only conduct advisory school board elections in those communities where the Division is already scheduled to conduct an in-person election for the regional school board. The following policy provides optional language for REAAs desiring to have the Division conduct advisory school board elections. That language incorporates the requirements of 6 AAC 27.180, Advisory school board elections.

Officers

~~Each Advisory School Council shall elect its own officers, who will consist of a chairperson, vice chairperson, a secretary, treasurer and such other officers as the council considers necessary.~~

~~For a new Advisory School Council, officers shall be elected by those in attendance at an organizational meeting called by the Principal/Lead Teacher.~~

All qualified and interested individuals are encouraged to serve the district and its students by seeking election to the advisory school board. The district shall be responsible for conducting advisory school council elections for the respective attendance areas. The Superintendent or designee shall make the necessary procedures, forms and staff assignments for the conduct of elections.

Qualifications for Candidates and Voters

~~An individual must qualify with respect to the following elements before they may vote in an Advisory School Council election:~~

~~The voter or candidate must be~~An individual is eligible to seek election to the advisory school council in the election if the person meets the voter qualifications set forth below and has never been convicted of a crime requiring registration on any sexual offender list, or a crime against children.

An individual with the following qualifications is eligible to vote in an advisory school board election:

1. is a United States citizen;
2. The is 18 years of age or older;

3. is a registered voter ~~or candidate must be~~ in the State of Alaska;

~~4.4.~~ _____ has been a resident of the ~~municipality or~~ school attendance area of the associated Advisory School Council for at least 30 days before the date of the election ~~or be a qualified voter in the immediate family of a student who attends the local school;~~ and

5. is not disqualified from voting due to:

a. conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude, assuming voting rights have not been restored; or

b. a court finding of incompetency, unless the disability no longer exists.

Participation by community members, parents/guardians of enrolled students, school employees is encouraged.

Note: The following language should be utilized if the School Board has determined that student members are permitted to serve on advisory school boards.

A district student is eligible for appointment as a Student Advisory School Council Member without meeting the above qualifications.

Note: The following options may be selected based on district philosophy and needs.

School board members may hold concurrent membership on both the school board and a local Advisory School Council.

~~Vacant Officer Positions~~

~~In cases of vacancy, the remaining members shall select a person to fill the vacancy.~~

Election Procedures

The Superintendent may timely request that the Division of Elections conduct the advisory school council elections at the same time as the Regional School Board election, occurring annually on the first Tuesday in October. The advisory school council and regional school board elections shall be conducted separately. The Superintendent shall oversee the district's obligations for the advisory school council elections, including advertising, printing and delivering of ballots, tallying of ballots, and certification of the advisory school council elections.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.08.071 Elections, advisory votes

14.08.115 Advisory ~~School Councils~~school boards in REAA

14.12.035 Advisory ~~School Councils~~school boards in borough school districts

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6 AAC 27.180 Advisory school board elections

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