

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: April 29, 2025

NUMBER: 25-115

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed
Revisions to BB 9210
Qualifications; 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 9210 Qualifications 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 9210 Qualifications within the Board Bylaw series.

This policy clarifies the qualifications for a Board member. It was adopted by AASB in 2007.

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 9210 Qualifications as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BB 9210 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 9210 Qualifications as presented and open for public comments.

BB 9210 QUALIFICATIONS

Note: Under [AS 14.08.041](#) (governing regional school boards) and [AS 14.12.080](#) (municipal school boards), individuals are eligible to run for school board if they meet local voter qualifications. Local voter qualifications are set forth at [AS 29.26.050](#). To be a qualified local voter, the individual must also meet the requirements to vote in the State of Alaska as defined in the [Alaska Constitution, Article V](#), and [AS 15.05.010](#). The following policy sets forth the qualifications to be a voter in a state and local election, thus qualifying an individual to seek a seat on the school board.

All qualified and interested individuals are encouraged to serve the district and its students by seeking election to the School Board.

(cf. 9220 - School Board Elections)

An individual with the following qualifications is eligible to be a member of the School Board:

1. is a citizen of the United States;
2. is 18 years of age or older;
3. is a registered voter in the State of Alaska;
4. has been a resident of the school district for 30 days immediately preceding the election (or appointment); 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.

(cf. 9200 - School Board Members)

(cf. 9223 - Filling Vacancies)

Note: The following language should be utilized by those school boards that have student board members.

A district student is eligible for appointment as an advisory Student School Board Member without meeting the above qualifications.

(cf. 9110 - School Board Membership, incl. Student School Board Members)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

[14.08.041](#) *Regional school boards*

[14.12.080](#) *Qualification of members*

[15.05.010](#) *Voter Qualification*

[29.26.050](#) *Voter Qualification*

ALASKA CONSTITUTION

[art. 5, sec. 1](#), *Qualified Voters*

[art. 5, sec. 2](#), *Disqualifications*

Adopted:

Northwest Arctic Borough School District