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SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

Title: Policy Revisions for First Read

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Item Number: 11a.

Administrator: Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent 

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The attached BP's were reviewed by the Board Policy Committee on October 17, 2011 and reviewed by the Board in a worksession on November 8, 2011. They are now presented for first read at the Board Meeting on December 5, 2011.

BP 0530 Criteria for Closing Schools . . . Page 2

- Revisions to criteria for closing schools with enrollment counts of less than 10 students.

BP 6145.2 Interscholastic Competition . . . Page 4

- The District has consulted the attorney and has included "religion" as a basis of nondiscrimination in the second paragraph.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

CRITERIA FOR CLOSING SCHOOLS

Consideration will be given to closing and/or consolidating schools in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District when declining enrollment reaches a point at which continued operation of all buildings would result in detrimental effects on a part or the District's entire educational program, and would result in adverse effects on the financial management of the District.

Considerations

1. Enrollment capacity – This consideration will include minimum needed enrollment for purposes of providing or scheduling effective, comprehensive educational programs.
2. Student displacement – This will include both the number of students involved and the severity of the effects of the displacement. Positive as well as negative effects will be considered.
3. Permanency of decision – This will include consideration of economic and demographic trends in the affected area.
4. Financial factors – This will include possible loss of revenue to the District as a result of closing, as well as potential savings for the District due to building maintenance and operation.

Criteria for Closing Schools Due to Enrollment of Less than Ten Students.

Once a school has fewer than ~~10-ten~~ students at the ~~official enrollment count date~~close of the twenty day count period,, ~~the school will be placed on a list of potential school closures for the following year. The~~ the Superintendent may will recommend to the Board either that the school stay in operation or close during the current year. closure for the next year or may recommend the school stay in operation for one additional year. If a school has fewer than ~~10-ten~~ students for ~~two consecutive years~~ one year, the school ~~will~~ WILL be closed for the following school year in the absence of unique circumstances as documented by the Superintendent. If the Board approves the recommendation to close a school, or a school is scheduled for closure due to low enrollment, then the administration will present a closure plan, at least one month in advance of the scheduled closure, which follows the procedures for discontinuation of a school detailed in 4 AAC.05.090.

Considerations

1. Permanency of decision – This will include consideration of enrollment projections and demographic trends.
2. Financial factors – Potential net savings will be determined as they relate to personnel, maintenance, and operating costs. Loss of separate site status and the accompanying loss of funding will also be considered.

3. Educational alternatives – This will include the location of the school in relation to other schools student might attend.

Legal Reference

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC.05.090 Discontinuation or closure of schools

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Adoption Date: ~~04/03/06~~ _____

INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION

The School Board considers the interscholastic program an integral component of the District educational program. The interscholastic program shall be geared to the interests and abilities of students of both sexes and varied in scope to ensure wide participation, consistent with the financial and personnel constraints of the District.

(cf. Student Interscholastic Handbook)
(cf. 6145 Cocurricular Activities)

The Board shall not approve membership of the District, or any school in the District, in any voluntary interscholastic athletic organization which discriminates against or denies the benefits of any program to any person on the basis of race, sex, religion or ethnic origin.

(cf. 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

The Board shall maintain general control over all aspects of the interscholastic athletic policies, programs and activities in the District, including eligibility, season of sport, number of sports, personnel, and sports facilities. The Superintendent shall be responsible to the Board for District compliance with federal and state laws.

The Board recognizes its responsibility to ensure that the health and welfare of students is given the highest consideration in planning a program of interscholastic competition. Special care shall be taken to ensure that all interscholastic training and competition is organized and supervised in a manner which will not overtax the physical capabilities of the participants. The District interscholastic program shall require for medical examinations, ongoing medical supervision, and the use of protective equipment as appropriate.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.18.040 Discrimination in recreational and athletic activities prohibited

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 06.115 Interscholastic activities 4 AAC 06.520 *Recreational and athletic activities*

4 AAC 06.600 Definitions

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[Title 4](#) . Education and Early Development

[Chapter 5](#) . (Repealed)

Section 90. Discontinuation or closure of schools

4 AAC 05.090. Discontinuation or closure of schools

(a) After a school has been started in a community, either by renovating an existing facility or constructing a new facility, that school may be temporarily or permanently discontinued or closed only

(1) through action of the governing body of the district or regional school board;

(2) after the district or regional school board provides at least 10 days written notice to each of the affected students' parents or guardian; and

(3) after submission of a plan under (d) of this section, that is approved by the department using the standards set out in this section, except in an emergency or case-by-case situation under (e) of this section.

(b) A plan for permanent discontinuation or closure of a school must be submitted to the department for approval and may not be executed until it is approved by the department. A plan will be considered approved if the department does not disapprove the plan within 90 days after submission.

(c) A plan for temporary discontinuation or closure of a school during the school year must be reviewed and approved at a public meeting of the governing body of the district or regional school board and submitted to the department for approval at least ten days before temporary discontinuation or closure of the school except as provided under (e) of this section.

(d) A plan for temporary or permanent discontinuation or closure of a school must include

(1) the provision of educational services to all eligible students, including students with a disability consistent

with [AS 14](#), this title, and other laws applicable for the operation of public schools in the state;

(2) the provision of pupil transportation services, if needed;

(3) a schedule for providing compensatory services under 4 AAC [52](#), if required;

(4) the reimbursement to the department of public money already paid by the department for the period of discontinuance or closure unless the school year is extended to make up for the period of discontinuance or closure; and

(5) the steps for reopening of the school if temporarily discontinued or closed including a school disciplinary and safety program under [AS 14.33.120](#).

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of (c) of this section, a superintendent of the district or regional education attendance area may order one or more emergency closure days of a school under [AS 14.03.030](#) (2) for a period of less than five school days, or longer on an emergency, or case-by-case basis, if approved by the commissioner. The superintendent shall notify the department in writing within 24 hours of identifying such an emergency or case-by-case situation and take immediate steps to modify the school term and to reopen the school.

(f) If a school is temporarily discontinued or closed for disciplinary or safety reasons, the facility must remain closed for all purposes until the school is reopened.

History: Eff. 9/3/76, Register 59; am 5/18/2000, Register 154; am 10/6/2002, Register 164

Authority: [AS 14.03.030](#)

[AS 14.07.020](#)

[AS 14.07.060](#)

[AS 14.07.920](#)

[AS 14.33.120](#)

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