

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 8 c

MEETING OF October 14, 2020

REVIEWED BY:

ITEM TITLE:

PUBLIC HEARING - POLICY

Superintendent

Approval of revisions to Board Policy 5131.3

SUBMITTED BY: Beth Lougee, Superintendent

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The School Board is being asked to approve revisions to Board Policy 5131.30- Bus Conduct.

ISSUE:

Board Policy 9310 dictates that “the district shall develop or revise policies and regulations in order to reflect new legislation and changing community views.” Additionally, BP 9311 calls for the Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee to “maintain procedures for the continuous orderly review of existing policies at a time allocated for this purposes on the agenda of regular Board meetings... in addition to presenting drafts or suggestions for new policy and policy revisions when changes in law occur or when a specific need arises”.

BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Committee met on September 10, 2020 and put forth the recommended revisions to the Policy Committee.

Strike-through of text indicates proposed deletion and bold text indicates the new proposed wording.
(This policy was re-posted in the packet on Monday, October 12, 2020, after removing colored and highlighted text which may have been confusing.)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the revisions as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed revisions to Board Policy 5131.30.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

“I move that the Board of Education approve the revisions to Board Policy 5131.30- Bus Conduct in first reading.”

BUS CONDUCT

Bus transportation is a privilege extended to students who display good conduct while preparing to ride, riding or leaving the bus. Disorderly conduct or refusal to ~~submit to the authority~~ **follow the directions** of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a student to be denied transportation.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians and students regarding regulations related to bus conduct, bus driver authority, and the suspension of riding privileges.

(cf. 3540 et seq. - Transportation)
(cf. 5131.43 – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying)

Video Cameras on School Buses

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District wishes to take all reasonable steps to ensure safe transportation of its students. Students misbehaving while riding on school buses decrease bus safety. One available tool to increase student safety is to install video cameras on school buses.

Parents and students will be advised that video cameras will be in use at various times in school buses. Notices must be given at least annually. Notices will also be posted in the buses.

Only the Superintendent or designee will authorize the specific installation of a camera in a school bus. School officials, the contractor, or parents may initiate the request.

The contractor must maintain complete records any time a video camera is used. The records must include the recording time, the bus, the driver's name and route, a list of any persons viewing the tape, and the final disposition of the tape.

The tapes are confidential. The Superintendent shall impose controls on the viewing of the tape. Viewing of the tape must be restricted to appropriate personnel of the contractor or the district. If a misconduct citation or incident report is prepared, appropriate school district officers and the student's parents/guardians are permitted to view the tape showing the student's misbehavior. Any tape recording made in which the bus was involved in an accident or where criminal actions are indicated will be held as required by law.

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Revision Date: 7/23/08
Revision Date: 8/27/2014