

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

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MEETING OF October 14, 2020

REVIEWED BY:

ITEM TITLE:

PUBLIC HEARING - POLICY

Policy Committee

Approval of revisions to Board Policy 4020

“All Personnel - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace”

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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Policy Committee is suggesting revisions to Board Policy 4020 – “Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace.”

ISSUE:

Board Bylaw 9300 states that “The formulation and adoption of written Board policies shall constitute the basic method by which the Board shall govern the school district.” Board Policy 0500 and Board Bylaw 9311 both address the ongoing review of district policies and programs by the School Board.

BACKGROUND:

The Policy Committee has begun review of policies in the Personnel series 4000 section of the Policy Manual, and is suggesting the revisions as shown to this policy.

The committee is recommending that redundant language be deleted, as noted by the text with strike-throughs.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed revisions to Board Policy 4020

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

“I move that the Board of Education approve revisions to the Personnel policy, Board Policy 4020 –Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace in first reading.”

DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE

Note: The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 requires districts to adopt policy maintaining drug-free workplaces as specified by law and to notify their employees of such policy. The following sample policy complies with the Drug-Free Workplace Act, Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991. The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act includes alcohol in addition to "controlled substances," and applies to districts that receive federal funds either directly or indirectly.

The School Board believes that the maintenance of drug-free and alcohol-free workplaces is essential to school and district operations. No employee shall unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, drug or controlled substance before, during or after school hours at school or in any other district workplace or at any district-sponsored activity.

The Superintendent shall:

1. Publish and give to each employee a notification of the Board's policy mandating a drug-free and alcohol-free workplace. The notification shall specify the actions that will be taken against employees who violate these prohibitions. It also shall state that as a condition of employment, the employee will abide by the terms of this policy and notify the employer of any criminal drug or alcohol conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace. Such notice by the employee must be made within five (5) days from the date of the conviction.

For the purpose of this policy, "conviction" shall mean a finding of guilt by any judicial body charged to determine violations of federal or state criminal drug or alcohol laws, whether such finding is made following a trial or by entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

- ~~2. Establish a drug and alcohol awareness program to inform employees about:
 - a. ~~The district policy of maintaining drug free and alcohol free workplaces.~~
 - b. ~~The penalties that may be imposed on employees for drug and alcohol abuse violations.~~~~

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3. Notify the appropriate federal granting or contracting agencies within ten days after receiving notification from an employee, or otherwise, of any conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace.
4. Initiate disciplinary action within 30 days after receiving notice from an employee, or otherwise, of a conviction for a violation in the workplace. Such action shall be consistent with state and federal law, the appropriate employment contract, the applicable collective bargaining agreement, and district policy and practices.
5. Make a good faith effort to maintain a drug- and alcohol-free workplace throughout the district.

When required by law, the Superintendent shall terminate an employee. When termination is not required by law, the Superintendent shall (a) take appropriate disciplinary action, including termination when warranted, or (b) require the employee to satisfactorily participate in, and complete, an approved drug assistance or rehabilitation program. The Superintendent's decision shall be made in accordance with relevant state and federal laws, employment contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and district policies and practices.

(cf. 3514 - Safety)
(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)
(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/ Suspension/ Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4159 - Employee Assistance Programs)
(cf. 4158/4358 - Employee Security)
(cf. 4218.1 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/ Due Process)

Legal Reference:

THE DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT OF 1988
DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT AMENDMENT OF 1986, as amended
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT, 21 U.S.C. 801
21 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS
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