

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 9 a

MEETING OF April 14, 2021

REVIEWED BY:

ITEM TITLE:

PUBLIC HEARING - POLICY

Approval of revisions to Board Policy 1020-
Youth Services in second reading

Policy Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Policy Committee

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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Policy Committee is suggesting revisions to Board Policy 1020 – Youth Services.

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 is currently reviewing policies in the Community Relations Series 1000 of the Policy Manual, and is suggesting the revisions as shown to this policy.

Recommended deletions are shown by strike-through marks, while proposed new language is indicated by bold text and underlines.

This is the second reading of these proposed revisions by the Board. The first reading was on March 24, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed revisions to Board Policy 1020

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

“I move that the Board of Education approve the revisions to the Board Policy 1020 –Youth Services.”

YOUTH SERVICES

The School Board perceives that increasing numbers of children live in poverty or neglect. **The school board recognizes poverty and neglect are challenging issues for children and the community.** Children who come to school with unmet **academic, physical, emotional and social needs** physical, social and emotional needs are unable to devote themselves to learning. Our future depends upon these children becoming literate, independent and productive citizens. The Board believes that all aspects of a child's welfare must become our society's top priority.

The Board realizes that local schools alone cannot meet our children's complex individual needs. The schools have, therefore, a legitimate interest in cooperating with public and private agencies that provide day care, nutrition, and health services for children. The victims of homelessness, exploitation, substance abuse and child abuse may need multiple services, which should be coordinated in order to avoid gaps, duplication, or delay. Schools, local government, businesses, foundations and charitable organizations all must work together to improve conditions for our community's youth.

Children have a right to have their **academic, physical, emotional and social** ~~physical, emotional and intellectual~~ needs met. The Board supports public policies which respect children by meeting their needs. The Board will advocate for local, state and national public and private policies, legislation and programs designed to provide or better coordinate services that help children to make the most of their educational opportunities.