

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 8 a

MEETING OF June 23, 2021

REVIEWED BY:

ITEM TITLE:

**PUBLIC HEARING - POLICY**

Policy Committee

Approval of revisions to Board Policy 1312 -  
Public Comments Concerning the Schools in second reading

SUBMITTED BY: Policy Committee

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Melissa Brooks-Johnson, Interim Superintendent

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Policy Committee is suggesting revisions to Board Policy 1312 - Public Comments Concerning the Schools.

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.

The Policy Committee is currently reviewing policies in the Community Relations Series 1000 of the Policy Manual. The committee is suggesting revisions to this policy, including changing the title to replace "comments" with "complaints."

BACKGROUND:

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

The Board considered the policy revisions in first reading on June 9, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed revisions to Board Policy 1312

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education approve the revisions to the Board Policy 1312 -Public Complaints Comments Concerning the Schools in second reading."

**PUBLIC COMMENTS COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS**

The School Board believes that the ~~quality of the educational program~~ **quality of education provided through the district** can improve when the district **it** listens to complaints, considers differences of opinion, and resolves disagreements through an established, objective process.

The School Board encourages persons to resolve problems early and as directly as possible with the person against whom there is a complaint ~~whenever possible~~. If a problem remains unresolved, the individual should submit a formal complaint **to the appropriate administrator** as early as possible in accordance with appropriate district procedures. District procedures shall be readily accessible to the public.

Individual School Board members do not have authority to resolve complaints. If approached directly with a complaint, however, School Board members should listen to the complaint and show their concern by referring the complainant to the Superintendent or designee so that the problem may receive proper consideration.

*(cf. 1312.1 – Public Complaints Concerning School Personnel)  
(cf. 1312.2 – Public Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)  
(cf. 1312.3 – Public Complaints Concerning Discrimination)*

*Note: Pursuant to 4 AAC 52.500, any person may file a complaint with the Department of Education and Early Development alleging a violation of state regulations governing education for exceptional children.*

*Legal Reference:*

ALASKA STATUTES

14.18.100 Remedies (Sex or Race Discrimination)

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 06.560 – 06.580 Violations; Prohibition Against Sex Discrimination

4 AAC 52.500 – 52.629 Procedural Safeguards; Education for Exceptional Children

TITLE VI, CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

TITLE VII, CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000 et. seq. (Ch. 21)

TITLE IX, EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972

SECTION 504, REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

34 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

200.74 and Part 300

GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS ACT, 20 U.S.C. 1221 et. seq., especially:

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY RIGHTS ACT, 20 U.S.C. 1232g

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