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SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

Title: Policy Revisions for Approval

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Item Number: 10b.

Administrator: Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent 

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☒ Action Needed ☐ For Discussion ☐ Information ☐ Other: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The attached BP's were reviewed by the Board Policy Committee on October 17, 2011, reviewed by the Board in a worksession on November 8, 2011, and presented to the Board for a first read on December 5, 2011. They are now presented for approval at the Board Meeting on January 9, 2012.

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends approval.

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