

## School Board Policy Committee Meeting

ADC – Board Room and Zoom

February 23, 2022

5:30-7:00 pm

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### AGENDA

- A. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement Statement:** As a committee of the school board, we would like to take this moment to respectfully acknowledge we are residing on the traditional land of the Dena (pronounced duhNAY) people.
- B. Our Mission** is to provide an excellent, equitable education in a safe, supportive environment so all students will succeed and contribute to a diverse and changing society.
- C. Roll Call**

Committee Members:

Tim Doran, Chair, Board Member  
Chane Beam, Executive Director of T&L  
Jane Bedford, FPA Representative  
Robyn Taylor, FPA Representative  
Gretchen Nelson, FEA Representative  
Patrick Frymark, FEA Representative  
Carlos Perez, Non-Represented Representative

Carla Browning Parent Representative  
Aren Gunderson, Parent Representative  
Justine Slater, Parent Representative  
Tracy Garrison, Community Representative  
Shannon Boyle, Community Representative  
Suzanne Richards, Community Representative  
Shaun Kraska, Community Representative

Staff: Teresa Paulsen, HR Assistant & Committee Administrative Support

Guests: Luke Meinert, Assistant Superintendent

### D. Approval of Agenda & December 1, 2022 Meeting Notes

### E. Discussion Items

1. Policy Discussion
  - a. Policy 281: Preliminary Policy Development (Policy Review Process)
  - b. Policy 991: Controversial Issues
  - c. Policy 236.1: School Board Committees (Ad Hoc Sub Committee)
    - i. Other Chapter 2 Policy Considerations
  - d. Future Policy Committee Foci
  - e. Charter School Policies
    - i. Chapter 9 Finishing Work
    - ii. Other

### F. Set Future Meeting Date: April 11, 2022

### G. Adjournment

**School Board Policy Committee Meeting**  
ACD Board Room and Video Conference  
December 1, 2021

**Meeting Notes**

**Call to Order:** Tim Doran called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM and read the land acknowledgment and mission statement.

**Roll Call**

Committee Members Present:

Tim Doran  
Ivory McDaniel-Ilgenfritz  
Jane Bedford  
Robyn Taylor  
Suzanne Richards  
Aren Gunderson  
Shannon Boyle  
Shaun Kraska  
Patrick Frymark  
Tracy Garrison  
Carlos Perez  
Carla Browning

Committee Members Absent:

Gretchen Nelson-Excused  
Justine Slater-Excused

Staff Present:

Teresa Paulsen

Guests

Chane Beam  
Luke Meinert  
Karen Melin

**Approval of Agenda and Meeting Notes from February 24, 2021, and October 27, 2021.**

Suzanne Richards moved to approve. Aren Gunderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Budget Presentation**

Andy Degraw's budget presentation was viewed by the committee.

Karen Melin provided a review of the budget and Q&A following.

**Discussion Items**

Policies Discussed

Policy 542: Job Descriptions

- Overview and discussion
- **Recommended language change to “job descriptions will be available through the human resources department and provided to all new hires.”**
  - Aren Gunderson moved to send the policy forward with recommendations. Tracy Garrison seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy 991: Controversial Issues

- Overview and discussion

- Aren Gunderson moved to send the policy forward as written. Robyn Taylor seconded.
  - Discussion
  - Tracy Garrison moved to table the motion to approve until the next meeting. Patrick Frymark seconded.
    - Yeas: Tracy Garrison, Patrick Frymark, Suzanne Richards, Robyn Taylor, Shannon Boyle, Carlos Perez, Carla Browning, Aren Gunderson
    - Nays: Jane Bedford, Shaun Kraska
- The motion to table the motion to approve passed.  
**Policy 991 will be put on the next meeting agenda.**

Policy 613.1: Policy Review: Teacher Contracts and Resignations

- Overview and discussion
  - Jane Bedford moved to send the policy forward as written. Suzanne Richards seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting Date:** A meeting date will be set for early February and committee members will be notified.

**Adjournment**

Patrick Frymark moved to adjourn. Aren Gunderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.



Book	School Board Policy
Section	CHAPTER 02 - (2) Policy Manual
Title	Policy 281: School Board Policy Development - Preliminary Policy Development
Code	281 *
Status	Active
Cross References	281 - AR 281: Preliminary Policy Development 236.1 * - Policy 236.1: School Board Committees to Advise Administration and the School Board 236.1 - AR 236.1: School Board Committees to Advise Administration and the School Board 340 - Policy 340: Superintendent - Policy Implementation
Adopted	July 15, 1980
Last Revised	February 20, 2018

The Board encourages the counsel of citizens, students, and staff in the development of policies. Proposals for new policies or changes in current policies may be submitted to the School Board by anyone in the community: board members, committee members, students, student organizations, citizens, community groups, staff members, or employee organizations. The board president will decide which of these proposals shall be forwarded to administration for review, followed by a report and/or policy update to the Board. District administration will recommend policy changes to the Board as needed throughout the school year. The Policy Committee will review and make recommendations on changes to policy that are forwarded to them by administration. The superintendent will annually submit to the Board a list of policies administration plans to review.

Cross Reference:

Policy & AR 236.1: School Board Committees to Advise Administration and the School Board  
AR 281: School Board Policy Development - Preliminary Policy Development  
Policy 340: Superintendent - Policy Implementation

Policy Adopted: July 15, 1980  
Policy Revised: October 21, 1986  
Policy Revised: October 6, 1987  
Policy Revised: April 6, 1993  
Policy Revised: October 20, 1998  
Policy Revised: May 16, 2000  
Policy Revised: November 19, 2002  
Policy Revised: February 20, 2018



Book	School Board Policy
Section	CHAPTER 09 - (2) Policy Manual
Title	Policy Review: Policy 991 Controversial Issues
Code	991
Status	Up for Revision
Adopted	July 6, 1982

A controversial issue exists, for the purpose of this policy, when any material or topic evokes opposing **DIVERSE PUBLIC** viewpoints on the part of any group or any individual **BOTH SIDES MULTIPLE FACETS OF THE AN ISSUE.**

**THE DISTRICT SUPPORTS THAT STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCUSS AND STUDY CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES WHICH HAVE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, OR SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE ADOPTED CURRICULUM. AND WHICH THE STUDENTS ARE MATURE ENOUGH TO INVESTIGATE AND STUDY. THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY OF CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES SHOULD. IS TO HELP STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO GATHER, ORGANIZE AND EVALUATE FACTS, DISCRIMINATE DISCERN BETWEEN FACTS AND OPINION, DRAW INTELLIGENT CONCLUSIONS AND LEARN TO ENGAGE IN RESPECTFUL CIVIL DISCOURSE WITH OTHERS.**

The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District will provide a process **GUIDANCE** for the objective study of controversial issues in order that students may have an opportunity to examine such issues in an instructional atmosphere free of partisanship and censorship. **FACTUAL AND OBJECTIVE TEACHING OF CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES MUST BE DISTINGUISHED FROM INDOCTRINATION WHICH IS FORBIDDEN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THE SCHOOLS MAY WILL TEACH ABOUT THE MANY HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, SOCIOLOGICAL, OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL PERSPECTIVES, BUT MUST WILL NOT FAVOR THE BELIEFS OR CUSTOMS OF ANY PARTICULAR RELIGION, SECT, POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC, OR SOCIAL VIEWPOINT. TEACHERS MAY NOT EXPRESS PERSONAL VIEWS TO STUDENTS, EVEN WHEN IDENTIFIED AS SUCH. GUEST SPEAKERS MUST NOT USE THEIR POSITION OR INFLUENCE ON STUDENTS TO ADVANCE A PERSONAL VIEW OR BELIEFS.**

**THE SUPERINTENDENT / ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUPPORT TEACHERS IN DEVELOPING AN AWARENESS OF CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRICULUM, AND IN DEVELOPING STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING DISCUSSION OF CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS WHILE PROMOTING CIVIL DISCOURSE IN OUR CLASSROOMS. WITHOUT STIFLING THE SPIRIT OF FREE INQUIRY.**

Policy Adopted: July 6, 1982



Book	School Board Policy
Section	CHAPTER 02 - (2) Policy Manual
Title	Policy 236.1: School Board Committees to Advise Administration and the School Board
Code	236.1 *
Status	Active
Legal	AS 44.62.310
Cross References	236.1 - AR 236.1: School Board Committees to Advise Administration and the School Board 236 - Policy 236: Board and Administrative Committees to Advise Administration and the School Board 236.2 * - Policy 236.2: Administrative Committees to Advise Administration and the School Board 236.2 - AR 236.2: Administrative Committee to Advise Administration and the School Board 274 - Policy 274: School Board Operating Procedures - Ad Hoc Advisory Committees 281 * - Policy 281: School Board Policy Development - Preliminary Policy Development 281 - AR 281: Preliminary Policy Development 1142 - Policy 1142: Community Involvement in Decision-Making - Advisory Committees
Adopted	July 1, 1980
Last Revised	June 2, 2020

The standing School Board Committees are Audit, Budget, Curriculum, Diversity, Legislative, Parent Engagement, and Policy.

The board president shall assign one or more non-voting board members, one of whom shall be assigned as chair of each committee.

The board president shall chair the Legislative Committee and will assign two additional board members. All Legislative Committee board members will be voting committee members.

All standing school board committees are subject to the Alaska Open Meetings of Governmental Bodies Act, AS 44.62.310.

The superintendent will solicit volunteer membership for each committee that is representative of the school district and community. Members will include employees, parents, students, and community members.

Following each committee meeting, the board chair of each committee will provide updates to the school board in connection with committee-related topics, activities, or board actions.

The board may direct administration to appoint ad hoc advisory committees to counsel it as one means of discerning the needs and desires of the school district and its residents.

Legal Reference:

AS 44.62.310: Alaska Open Meetings of Governmental Bodies Act

Cross Reference:

AR 236.1: School Board Committees to Advise Administration and the School Board

Policy 236: Board and Administrative Committees to Advise Administration and the School Board

Policy & AR 236.2: Administrative Committees to Advise Administration and the School Board

Policy 274: School Board Operating Procedures - Ad Hoc Advisory Committees

Policy & AR 281: School Board Policy Development - Preliminary Policy Development

Policy 1142: Community Involvement in Decision-Making - Advisory Committees

Policy Adopted: July 1, 1980

Policy Revised: October 6, 1987

Policy Revised: December 15, 1992

Policy Revised: October 1, 1996

Policy Revised: May 24, 2011

Policy Revised: September 1, 2015

Policy Revised & AR Added: October 3, 2017

Policy Revised & Split to 236.1 & 236.2: April 2, 2019 (Effective July 1, 2019)

Policy Revised: June 2, 2020 (Effective July 1, 2020)