

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #233 (2001-2002)

April 15, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: REVISION TO POLICY 176 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND 176.1
PUBLIC TESTIMONY (SECOND READING)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve on Second Reading the proposed changes to School Board Policies 176, Public Participation, and 176.1, Public Testimony, as shown on Attachment A.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The School Board Policy Subcommittee reviewed Policies 176 and 176.1 after an Ethics Commission complaint was filed by a citizen alleging that the School Board did not allow the public consistent opportunities to participate in the public process. The Municipal Ethics Commission met with the Superintendent and two School Board members to review the current policies; the complainant had an opportunity to discuss his concerns and offer possible changes. The School Board Policy Committee reviewed these recommendations and approved the proposed changes on Attachment A.

Along with these proposed Policy changes, the Administration has revised their administrative procedures (Attachment B) to clarify how and when the public can sign up to testify prior to School Board meetings. These procedures will be put into effect in April and widely disseminated in our ads, on our web site, on a bulletin board in the Board Room, and by announcements at the School Board meetings.

The School Board Policy Subcommittee recommended passage of these proposed changes by the full School Board. The School Board approved these policy changes on First Reading on April 1, 2002.

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Attachments

Prepared/Approved by: Carol Comeau, Superintendent