

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

September 11, 2001

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee G. Gibeault, Planning and Policy Sub-Committee  
Trustee S. Hansen, Planning and Policy Sub-Committee  
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SUBJECT: Review of Board Policies Re: Appeals and Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives at Board Meetings

RESOURCE

STAFF: Dennis Huculak, Anne Sherwood

RECOMMENDATION

1. (a) That the revised board policy AB.BP Appeals (Appendix I) be approved.
- (b) That the current board policy AB.BP Appeals (Appendix II) be rescinded.
2. (a) That the revised board policy JAB.BP Formal Delegations, Presentations, and Comments to the Board (Appendix III) be approved.
- (b) That the current board policy JAB.BP Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives at Board Meetings (Appendix IV) be rescinded.

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The proposed board policy AB.BP Appeals (Appendix I) contains one significant revision.

Section 3 has been added as a result of the following board motion which was passed on March 13, 2001:

That the hearing of parental appeals relating to the provision of funding and, or programming for students with severe language and speech delays be delegated to the superintendent.

While the proposed revision allows the superintendent to hear such appeals, it also allows him to delegate the matter to one or more persons who are on a roster, which shall be composed of persons recommended by the superintendent and approved by the board. Recommendations for the roster are included in a separate report.

Section A of the revised board policy JAB.BP Formal Delegations, Presentations, and Comments to the Board (Appendix III) has been transferred from the current administrative regulation AB.AR Dispute Resolution, Delegations, and Appeals. Because delegations and presentations are made directly to the board, it is considered more appropriate to include the provisions in board policy. The specific wording of this section was approved as part of the Trustee Manual Review recommendations on June 19, 2001.

Once the proposed board policies are approved, the revised administrative regulation AB.AR Appeal Process (Appendix V) will be submitted to the superintendent for final approval. It will replace the current administrative regulation AB.AR Dispute Resolution, Delegations, and Appeals (Appendix VI).

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- APPENDIX I - AB.BP – Appeals – Proposed Board Policy
- APPENDIX II - AB.BP – Appeals – Current - Rescind
- APPENDIX III - JAB.BP – Formal Delegations, Presentations, and Comments to the Board – Proposed Board Policy
- APPENDIX IV - JAB.BP – Comments from the Public and Staff Group Representatives at Board Meetings – Current – Rescind
- APPENDIX V - AB.AR – Appeal Processes – Proposed Administrative Regulation
- APPENDIX VI - AB.AR – Dispute Resolution, Delegations, and Appeals - Current