



**North Slope Borough School District Board of Education
Archie K. Brower Conference Room, Central Office
Utqiagvik, AK**

**Unapproved Minutes
Special Meeting
March 15, 2022
2:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Robyn Burke, Presiding Chair, called the Board of Education Special Meeting to order at 2:17 p.m. in the Archie K. Brower Conference Room and over ZOOM Video Communications.

FLAG SALUTE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Education.

ROLL CALL:

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| Nora Jane Burns – Present via Telephonically | Charles D. Brower – Present via Telephonically |
| Madeline Hickman – Excused | Robyn Burke – Present |
| Frieda Nageak– Present | Nancy Rock – Excused |
| Qaiyaan Harcharek- Present | |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Qaiyaan Harcharek MOVED to APPROVE the Agenda as presented. Frieda Nageak SECONDED the motion. Question called. The motion carried in a roll call vote of four yes, zero no.

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| Nora Jane Burns – Yes | Qaiyaan Harcharek - Yes |
| Madeline Hickman – Excused | Robyn Burke - Yes |
| Frieda Nageak – Yes | Nancy Rock - Excused |
| Charles Brower – Not Present | |

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: District staff and community members were present.

2022-2023 NON-TENURED REHIRE CONTRACT RECOMMENDATIONS is presented by David Camp, Director of Human Resources. This agenda item meets Strategic Plan goal 3.1 Hiring & Recruiting. According to Board Policy, recommendations for rehire are accepted by the Superintendent and brought to the School Board for approval. The superintendent is recommending the following non-tenured teachers for continuing contracts for the 2022-2023 school year under SB22-151 RV2: Charles Bosworth, 9th-12th Grade Career Technical Education Teacher at Ałak School in Wainwright; Vivian Bosworth, 6th Grade Teacher at Ałak School in Wainwright; Samantha Light, 5th Grade Teacher at Ałak School in Wainwright; Anna Mekki, Kindergarten Teacher at Ałak School in Wainwright; Danial Popp, 7th Grade Teacher at Ałak School in Wainwright; John Vlaun, 9th-12th Grade Science Teacher at Ałak School in Wainwright; Susan Wills, 9th-12th Grade Math Teacher at Ałak School in Wainwright; Brandi Bowles, 5th-6th Grade Teacher at Nunamiut School in Anaktuvuk Pass; Sarah Coburn, Early Childhood Education Teacher at Nunamiut School in Anaktuvuk Pass; Curt Hagegeorge, Secondary Math Teacher at Nunamiut School in Anaktuvuk Pass; Jennifer Martin, 3rd-4th Grade Teacher at Nunamiut School in Anaktuvuk Pass; Polly Bass, Science/Alternative Teacher at Nunamiut School in Anaktuvuk Pass; Paula Sperle, Special Education Teacher at Nunamiut School in Anaktuvuk Pass; Donald Torres, 2nd Grade Teacher at Nunamiut School in Anaktuvuk Pass; Anais Biesecker, 9th-12th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Barrow High School in Utqiagvik; Margaret Billings, 9th-12th Math Teacher at Barrow High School in

Utqiaġvik; Douglas Collins, 9th-12th Grade Science Teacher at Barrow High School in Utqiaġvik; Thomas Foral, 9th-12th Grade Math Teacher at Barrow High School in Utqiaġvik; Jerry Hayes, Career Technical Education Teacher at Barrow High School in Utqiaġvik; Dana Hilchey, 9th-12th Grade Science Teacher at Barrow High School in Utqiaġvik; Autumn Holt, 9th-12th Grade Special Education Teacher at Barrow High School in Utqiaġvik; Robin Jenkins, 9th-12th Grade Special Education Teacher at Barrow High School in Utqiaġvik; Virginia Johnson, 9th-12th Grade Special Education Teacher at Barrow High School in Utqiaġvik; Jocelyn Niedziela, Counselor at Barrow High School in Utqiaġvik; Edward Simons, 9th-12th Grade Science Teacher at Barrow High School in Utqiaġvik; Elena Allers, Art Teacher at Eben Hopson Middle School in Utqiaġvik; Corrine Danner, Iñupiaq Language Teacher at Eben Hopson Middle School in Utqiaġvik; Joel Griffis, 7th Grade Science Teacher at Eben Hopson Middle School in Utqiaġvik; Melanie Griffis, 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Eben Hopson Middle School in Utqiaġvik; Jeffrey Jackson, 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Eben Hopson Middle School in Utqiaġvik; Sable Marandi, Counselor at Eben Hopson Middle School in Utqiaġvik; Joan O'neal, 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher at Eben Hopson Middle School in Utqiaġvik; Sofia Peterkin, 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher at Eben Hopson Middle School in Utqiaġvik; Carmen Russo, 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher at Eben Hopson Middle School in Utqiaġvik; Lisa Carter, Special Education Teacher at Fred Ipalook Elementary School in Utqiaġvik; Timmothy Ferreira, Iñupiaq Language Teacher at Fred Ipalook Elementary School in Utqiaġvik; Arvinelle Gandia, 2nd Grade Teacher at Fred Ipalook Elementary School in Utqiaġvik; Natasha Itta, Early Childhood Education Teacher at Fred Ipalook Elementary School in Utqiaġvik; Michelle Kaleak, 2nd Grade Teacher at Fred Ipalook Elementary School in Utqiaġvik; Harley Martinez, 3rd Grade Teacher at Fred Ipalook Elementary School in Utqiaġvik; Vainiaku Polota, Early Childhood Education Teacher at Fred Ipalook Elementary School in Utqiaġvik; Carolyn Ripley, Early Childhood Education Teacher at Fred Ipalook Elementary School in Utqiaġvik; Marian Ritter, Kindergarten Teacher at Fred Ipalook Elementary School in Utqiaġvik; Lee Ann Viehouser, 5th Grade Teacher at Fred Ipalook Elementary School in Utqiaġvik; Donna Westdahl, 2nd Grade Teacher at Fred Ipalook Elementary School in Utqiaġvik; Valeria Wilson, 4th Grade Teacher at Fred Ipalook Elementary School in Utqiaġvik; Mirabelle Blossom, Kindergarten / 1st Grade Teacher at Harold Kaveolook School in Kaktovik; Anna Combest-Friedman, Early Childhood Education Teacher at Harold Kaveolook School in Kaktovik; Carrie Halnier, 4th-5th Grade Teacher at Harold Kaveolook School in Kaktovik; Lorrie Scoles, Counselor at Harold Kaveolook School in Kaktovik; Jennifer Brower, Counselor at Kiita Learning Community in Utqiaġvik; Matthew Brown, Special Education Teacher at Nuiqsut Trapper School in Nuiqsut; Scott Dinkel, 6th Grade Teacher at Nuiqsut Trapper School in Nuiqsut; Heather Snell, 1st Grade Teacher at Nuiqsut Trapper School in Nuiqsut; Michael Snell, 7th-12th Grade Teacher at Nuiqsut Trapper School in Nuiqsut; Sierra Young, 7th-12th Social Studies Teacher at Nuiqsut Trapper School in Nuiqsut; Robert Berry, 7th-12th Grade Credit Recovery Teacher at Tikigaq School in Point Hope; Carl Carlson, 8th-12th Career Technical Education Teacher at Tikigaq School in Point Hope; Melinda Hamerly, 7th-9th Language Arts Teacher at Tikigaq School in Point Hope; Emma Kinneaveauk, Iñupiaq Language Teacher at Tikigaq School in Point Hope; Lillian Lane, Iñupiaq Language Teacher at Tikigaq School in Point Hope; Jethro Albini, 6th-8th Grade Teacher at Meade River School in Atqasuk; Robbin Askew-Perkins, 2nd-3rd Teacher at Meade River School in Atqasuk; Kelly Browder, Reading Interventionist at Meade River School in Atqasuk; Binelda Bilbrey, 3rd Grade Teacher at Kali School in Point Lay; Cynthia Long, 6th-12th Grade English Teacher at Kali School in Point Lay; Michael Skelton, 6th-7th Grade Teacher at Kali School in Point Lay; Lee Skelton, 6th-12th Grade Math/Science Teacher at Kali School in Point Lay.

Board discussion regarded the North Slope Borough appropriation for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; Anchorage job fair recruiting, teacher resignations and vacancies, and School Board priorities of homegrown teachers.

Qaiyaan Harcharek MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education APPROVE the recommendation for continuing contracts as presented in memo no. SB22-151 RV2. Frieda Nageak SECONDED the motion. Discussion called. Question called. The motion failed in a roll call vote of two no, three yes.

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| Nora Jane Burns – No | Qaiyaan Harcharek - Yes |
| Madeline Hickman – Excused | Robyn Burke - Yes |
| Frieda Nageak – Yes | Nancy Rock - Excused |
| Charles Brower – No | |

Board member Qaiyaan Harcharek requested an investigation into Board member Charles Brower’s comments regarding his vote on SB22-151 RV2 2022-2023 Non-Tenured Rehire Contract Recommendations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comment is received by the Board from: Tomi Phillip regarding the importance of homegrown teachers, the educational opportunity they have received from previous educators on the North Slope and best interest for the students on the North Slope; Michelle Kaleak regarding lack of support from the School Board, Assembly, and community as a homegrown teacher; and Corrine Danner regarding prioritizing the students and ensuring they receive an education by filling the teaching positions.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS: Board member Nora Jane Burns comments regarded the North Slope Borough Assembly budget hearing on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget appropriation for the District. Board member Qaiyaan Harcharek comments regarded the the 2022-2023 Non-Tenured Rehire Contract Recommendations, North Slope Borough Fiscal Year 2022-2023 appropriation, teacher resignations, and Anchorage Job Fair. Board Member Frieda Nageak comments regarded the 2022-2023 Non-Tenured Rehire Contract Recommendations, prioritization of students, and Iñupiaq values. Board member Charles Brower comments regarded Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget appropriation. Board member Robyn Burke comments regarded 2022-2023 Non-Tenured Rehire Contract Recommendations, recruitment timeline, State of Alaska Statute regarding non-retention, Strategic Plan goal priority of recruitment and retention, and Anchorage Job Fair.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 7, 2022 Regular Meeting in Utqiagvik, AK at the Archie K. Brower Conference Room / ZOOM Video Communications.

ADJOURNED AT 3:10 P.M. Frieda Nageak MOVED to ADJOURN. The meeting stands adjourned.

Respectfully submitted for the April 7, 2022 Regular Meeting:

Chelsie Overby, Board Secretary

Nancy Rock, Board President

Robyn Burke, Board Clerk