

AASB Board Report
For
August 2025 NWABSD BOE
Meeting

Since the June board meeting, an AASB Executive Committee meeting was held and the AASB summer board meeting.

July 11th the Executive Committee meeting was held to conduct board candidate interviews. Four candidates were interviewed and after committee discussion, the Committee took action to recommend to the full board the appointment of Paul Robbins, Jr. from the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District. The committee recommendation was accepted.

The AASB summer board meeting was held July 18-19, 2025, in Anchorage at Alaska Pacific University. Margo Bellamy, Past President presented the results of the board self-assessment, and as the President Elect, I presented the results of the Executive Director's evaluation to the board in executive session. The board officers and staff presented reports, including the May financials, the FY 24 Audit Report with no findings and was approved by the board. After the board reviews and discussion, the board approved the Executive Director's contract for two years as requested by the ED, Lon Garrison.

The AASB 72nd 2025 Annual Conference will be held November 13-16th at the William A. Egan Civic & Convention Center. This year's conference theme is "Coming Together for Students." It will be the first time AASB's annual conference will be held at this location. Convening the conference at the Egan Center will save AASB approximately \$20,000 with access to additional meeting space. Blocks of rooms have been secured at the Hilton and Captain Cook hotels with registration opening up this month, August.

Resolutions Committee Meeting, Thursday, November 13, 2025
Experienced Board Member Academy, Thursday, November 13, 2025, with a focus on the *Board's Role in School Finance*.
Ready Set Govern, Thursday, November 13 & 14th, 2025.

Youth Leadership Institute, Thursday, November 13-16, 2025

AASB Fall Boardsmanship Academy, September 20-21, 2025, at the Downtown Marriott Anchorage.

No Winter AASB Boardsmanship Academy in December 2025 due to low participation and cost.

NSBA Annual Conference April 10-12, 2026, San Antonio, TX. Registration opened August 20, 2025.

NSBA Advocacy & Equity Institute Symposium February 1-3, 2026, Washington DC.

Lon Garrison and Katie Oliver presented the recommendations relating to the 16 sunseting resolutions, consolidating two near-identical resolutions (2.11 & 2.14) into one on *Funding for Pupil Transportation & Pupil Transportation*, a substantial revision to 2.12 *Ensuring Equitable and Adequate Funding for Alaska's School Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)*, and two new proposed resolutions recommended by staff to *Affirm and Preserve Local Governance of Voluntary Open Enrollment Policies and Establishing a Dedicated State Fund for Routine and Preventive School Maintenance Separate From the BSA Education Funding Formula* which are included in the 2026 Where We Stand: Resolutions and Belief Statements packet. The AASB board approved the staff's recommendations.

The deadline for new resolutions will be accepted until October 15, 2025, and the Resolutions Committee meeting will be held Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Finally, I have informed President Hanson and Superintendent Walker my AASB board seat is up this year. At the July board meeting I resigned as the AASB President-Elect and will remain on the board until the November annual meeting. As a full-time Inuit Circumpolar President and preparing for the 2026 ICC General Assembly in Sisimuit, Greenland July 21-26, 2026 and ICC required travel, I would not be able to dedicate the time needed as the 2026 AASB President. It is my hope we will have interest from our board to be nominated for a AASB board of director seat. Five AASB board seats are open this year, including the board members from North Slope Borough School District, Yupitt School District, Juneau and Ketchikan. I have also shared with them, if there is no interest from our board, I am willing to be nominated. I believe strongly that we need our district to be represented on this statewide board.

We will need to have the AASB Annual Conference items on the September board meeting agenda. Resolutions, board nominations, Awards and donations for the June Nelson Scholarship Fundraiser. Quyanaq. It is a privilege to represent the NWABSD on the AASB board of directors.