




## NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Robyn Burke, President  
Members of the School Board

**FROM:** David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator 

**DATE:** November 9, 2022

**SUBJECT: Contracts over \$10,000 - Vernon Lang**

**Memo No: SB23-068**  
(Action Item)

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#### **NSBSD Policy Manual:**

BP 3312, Contracts: The Superintendent or designee may enter into contracts and memoranda of agreement (MOA's) on behalf of the District. All contracts and MOA's with a dollar value of \$10,000 or greater must be approved by the School Board.

BP 7000, Concepts and Roles: Role of the Superintendent or Designee: (2) Approves the selection for art works in new facilities, if required or desired.

AS 35.27.010 Purpose: The State recognizes its responsibility to foster culture and the arts and the necessity for the viable development of its artists and craftsmen. The Legislature declares it to be a state policy that a portion of appropriations for capital expenditures be set aside for the acquisition of works to be used for state buildings and other public facilities.

AS 35.27.020 Art requirements for public buildings and facilities: (a) a building or facility constructed after June 30, 1975, or remodeled or renovated after June 30, 1975, shall include works of art including but not limited to sculptures, paintings, murals or objects relating to Native art.

#### **Issue Summary:**

The 2022 School Climate Connectedness Survey demonstrated that 45% district-wide of families that participated feel there is a lack of culture represented in class, lessons, materials, posters, and art around the school. After a site visit of the Nuiqsut Trapper School earlier this year and discussions with students and community members it was clear that the lack of school artwork in the gymnasium affects morale and school connectedness. The District is recommending to contract local artist Vernon Lang for a school improvement and community engagement initiative to raise school connectedness and student morale.

The project includes creating one 4ft x 7.5ft panel, two 4ft x 6.5ft panels, and two 4ft x 5.5ft panels using acrylics. This project will cover half of the gym wall overlooking the bleachers. A draft mock-up will be presented prior to beginning the project. Following this project, the District may opt to move forward with a second five panel art project for the remainder of the gymnasium wall in the Nuiqsut Trapper School.

The District is seeking other funding sources to provide the PlexiGlass, mounting hardware, and installation of these canvases once completed from local organizations.

#### **Length of Contract:**

The contract will commence upon Board approval to be completed no later than May 1, 2023.

**Grant Funding:**

This contract will be grant funded under:

New Visions Art Grant: 349.450.000.000.410

Nuiqsut Conoco Grant: 372.450.000.000.410

**Available Budget:**

New Visions Art: \$11,896

Nuiqsut Conoco: \$7,203

Overall total: \$19,099

**Funding Source and Purchase/Contract Amount:**

New Visions Art: \$11,896

Nuiqsut Conoco: \$3,104

Total cost: \$15,000

**Compliance with BP 3311.**

BP 3311, Bids, is not applicable as this contract is under \$20,000.

**Proposed Motion:**

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the above \$10,000 and greater proposal and related contract for local artist Vernon Lang in the amount not to exceed \$15,000 as described in this memo and related attachments.”

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Vote \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** David Vadiveloo  
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