

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

5:32 pm

NES Library/Zoom

Member Trigg called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm Tuesday, April 29, 2025 with a quorum present.

Member Tahbone led the Pledge of Allegiance in Inupiaq.

Member Trigg read the Nome Public Schools Mission Statement.

School Board Members Present:

Darlene Trigg

Marjorie Tahbone

Jon Gregg

Nancy Mendenhall

Sigvanna Tapqaq (via Zoom, 5:36 pm – 6 pm)

Others in attendance included:

Jamie Burgess

Alisha Papineau

Genevieve Hollins (via Zoom)

Ben Townsend

Nick Settle

Cassie Laurence

Meghan Ten Eyck

Anna Lionas

Jim Shreve

Jennifer Shreve

Elizabeth Korenek-Johnson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Tahbone moved to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion carried by a roll call vote with the following results:

Darlene Trigg: yes

Marjorie Tahbone: yes

Jon Gregg: yes

Nancy Mendenhall: yes

Sigvanna Tapqaq: (excused)

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

NES Principal, Nicholas Settle brought to the boards attention a situation where he was threatened by a staff member in his building and nothing had been done about it.

ACTION ITEMS

Member Mendenhall moved to approve the final draft of the FY26 budget. Discussion followed.

The motion carried by a roll call vote with the following results:

Darlene Trigg: yes

Marjorie Tahbone: yes

Jon Gregg: yes

Nancy Mendenhall: yes

Sigvanna Tapqaq: yes

Member Gregg moved to approve the out of state travel request for Margaret Volpe.

The motion carried by a roll call vote with the following results:

Darlene Trigg: yes

Marjorie Tahbone: yes

Jon Gregg: yes

Nancy Mendenhall: yes

Sigvanna Tapqaq: yes

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Member Gregg thanked Member Trigg and Superintendent Burgess for being on top of things.

Member Mendenhall dittoed Member Greggs comment.

Superintendent Burgess appreciated the work Member Trigg and Member Tapqaq did.

Superintendent Burgess asked to move the May 27th Work Session to May 20th due to conflicts.

Superintendent Burgess discussed her experience at the AASB Spring Boardsmanship Academy.

Superintendent Burgess was able to bring one representative from all the local tribes to the AASB Spring Boardsmanship Academy. They had discussion around Superintendent Burgess's responsibilities as a school district to build a relationship with the local tribes and how the tribes could help.

Superintendent Burgess and Member Tapqaq were facilitating and developing a tentative tribal consultation plan to ensure the district is meeting all of its obligations.

Superintendent Burgess planned to draft an agreement for the school district and the local tribes outlining how each entity would contribute to the partnership.

Member Trigg participated in the Portrait of a Graduate discussion.

Member Trigg thanked Member Tahbone and Member Mendenhall for participating in the discussion as well.

Member Trigg informed why she wasn't able to attend the AASB Spring Boardsmanship Academy and thanked those who did.

Member Trigg and Superintendent Burgess met with the city manager and others that afternoon.

Member Trigg expressed concern for the safety of the staff and students in regards to the public comment. She asked if Superintendent Burgess would let her know about the process in handling such situations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, May 13, Regular Meeting, 5:30 pm, NES Library/Zoom
- Tuesday, May 20, Work Session, 5:30 pm, NES Library
- Tuesday, June 10, Regular Meeting, 5:30 pm, NES Library/Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

Member Gregg moved to adjourn at 6:13 pm.

Darlene Trigg	Date
President, Board of Education	

Marjorie Tahbone
Vice President/Clerk, Board of Education