



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

**Unapproved Minutes
Special Meeting
June 29, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Esther Evikana, President, called the Board of Education Special Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Archie K. Brower Conference Room in Central Office in Utqiagvik, Alaska and over ZOOM Video Communications.

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

ROLL CALL:

Nora Jane Burns – Present via Zoom	Angelica Itta – Present via Zoom
Frieda Moore – Present via Zoom	Rossman Ferguson. – Present via Zoom
Nancy Rock – Present via teleconference	Esther Evikana – Present
Qaiyaan Harcharek – Present via Zoom	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Qaiyaan Harcharek MOVED to APPROVE the agenda. Rossman Ferguson SECONDED the motion. Question called, no objections. 7 yes, 0 no.

Nora Jane Burns – Yes	Angelica Itta – Yes
Frieda Moore – Yes	Rossman Ferguson– Yes
Nancy Rock – Yes	Esther Evikana – Yes
Qaiyaan Harcharek – Yes	

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: District staff were recognized as present.

CONTRACTS OVER 50K – DR. PAUSAURAQ JANA HARCHAREK ADDENDUM is presented by Tenna Pili, Director of Iñupiaq Education. The Board considered an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with Dr. Jana Harcharek to increase the contract by \$17,600, for a total amount not to exceed \$80,800. The amendment reflects additional consultation services provided during FY2026 beyond the original scope of work, including curriculum development, strategic guidance, and Iñupiaq language translation services. Administration also noted that additional internal contract monitoring procedures have been implemented to strengthen oversight of future contract expenditures.

Nora Jane Burns MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education APPROVE the Contract over \$50,000 for Dr. Pausauraq Jana Harcharek in the amount of \$80,800 as provided in this memo and attachments. Rossman Ferguson SECONDED the motion. Question called, no objections. 5 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain.

Nora Jane Burns – Yes	Angelica Itta – Yes
Frieda Moore – No	Rossman Ferguson– Yes
Nancy Rock – Yes	Esther Evikana – Yes
Qaiyaan Harcharek – Abstain	

CONTRACTS OVER 50K – RACHEL EDWARDSON. Is presented by Tenna Pili, Director of Iñupiaq Education. The Board considered approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with Rachel Nanjinaaq Edwardson for professional consulting services during FY2027, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000. The agreement supports strategic leadership, curriculum development, project management, and implementation of key Iñupiaq Education initiatives, including completion of the *History of the Iñupiaq* curriculum, expansion of digital instructional resources, and continued implementation of the Iñupiaq Learning Framework and other district strategic priorities.

Board discussion regarded a mid-year contract review.

Qaiyaan Harcharek MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education APPROVE the above \$50,000 and greater proposal and related contract for Rachel Nafinaqq Edwardson, an immediate family member of the Superintendent, in the amount of and not to exceed \$145,000 as described in this memo and related attachment. Nora Jane Burns SECONDED the motion. Question called, no objections. 7 yes, 0 no

Nora Jane Burns – Yes
Frieda Moore – Yes
Nancy Rock – Yes
Qaiyaan Harcharek – Yes

Angelica Itta – Yes
Rossman Ferguson– Yes
Esther Evikana – Yes

CONTRACTS OVER 50K – DR. SHELLY WALL ADDENDUM – Is presented by Michael Hautala, Director of Student Services. The Board considered an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with Dr. Shelly Wall, increasing the contract by \$2,983.98 for one additional day of service and increased travel costs, for a total amount not to exceed \$63,983.98. The amendment supports additional staff training and special education compliance activities required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Qaiyaan Harcharek MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education APPROVE the above \$50,000 and greater proposal and related contract amendment for Dr. Shelly Wall in the amount of \$63,983.98 as described in this memo and related attachments. Rossman Ferguson SECONDED the motion. Question called, no objections. 7 yes, 0 no

Nora Jane Burns – Yes
Frieda Moore – Yes
Nancy Rock – Yes
Qaiyaan Harcharek – Yes

Angelica Itta – Yes
Rossman Ferguson– Yes
Esther Evikana – Yes

CONTRACTS OVER 50K – NORTHWEST POLAR KIDS (SARA ECKER) ADDENDUM - Is presented by Michael Hautala, Director of Student Services. The Board considered an amendment to a Memorandum of Agreement to increase the contract by \$2,472.64 for additional travel costs associated with conducting student evaluations, for a total amount not to exceed \$140,047.64. The amendment supports speech and language services required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Board discussion regarded a mid-year contract review.

Frieda Moore MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education APPROVE the above \$50,000 and greater proposal and related contract for Northwest Polar Kids in an amount NOT TO EXCEED \$140,047.64

as described in this memo and related attachments. Qaiyaan Harcharek SECONDED the motion. Question called, no objections. 7 yes, 0 no

Nora Jane Burns – Yes
Frieda Moore – Yes
Nancy Rock – Yes
Qaiyaan Harcharek – Yes

Angelica Itta – Yes
Rossman Ferguson– Yes
Esther Evikana – Yes

CONTRACTS OVER 50K – HUDDLE UP CARE, INC. – is presented by Michael Hautala, Director of Student Services. The Board considered approval of a contract with Huddle Up, Inc. to continue providing telehealth mental and behavioral health counseling services for students during the 2026–2027 school year. The contract provides access to licensed clinicians across the district in an amount of \$128,312.60, with a total not to exceed \$151,290.15 for additional clinical hours if needed.

Rossman Ferguson MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education APPROVE the above \$50,000 and greater proposal and related contract for Huddle Up, Inc. in an amount NOT TO EXCEED \$151,290.15 as described in this memo and related attachments. Angelica Itta SECONDED the motion. Question called, no objections. 7 yes, 0 no

Nora Jane Burns – Yes
Frieda Moore – Yes
Nancy Rock – Yes
Qaiyaan Harcharek – Yes

Angelica Itta – Yes
Rossman Ferguson– Yes
Esther Evikana – Yes

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS: Board discussion regarded appreciation for administration and positive transition, appreciation for the new Board member Angelica Alivrun Itta, community celebrations, vandalism and security measures, and clean audits.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING: July 16 - 19, 2026, Retreat, Quality Inn Kenai; August 21, 2026, Regular Meeting, Point Hope / ZOOM Video

ADJOURNED AT 9:49a.m. Rossman Ferguson MOVED to ADJOURN. Nora Jane Burns SECONDED the motion. The meeting stands adjourned.

Respectfully submitted for the August 26, 2026 Meeting:

Marie Stackhouse, Board Secretary

Esther Evikana, Board President

Frieda Moore, Board Clerk