

**UNADOPTED MINUTES
OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mission: "To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel."
Vision: "To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future."

President Margaret Hansen called the 449th special meeting of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2026, District Office Katima Room, 744 Third Avenue, Kotzebue, Alaska.

Board Members present were:

Tillie Ticket
Marie Greene
Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
Alice Adams
Carol Schaeffer
Erica Nelson
Margaret Hansen
Alice Melton-Barr
Millie Hawley

Board Members absent and excused were Lawrence Jones and Shannon Melton.

A quorum was present.

Observed.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff and Guests present: Terri Walker, Superintendent; Jeff Alexander, Assistant Superintendent; James Stewart, Director of Human Resources; Natalie Dickie, Director of Administrative Services; Kristen Walker, Executive Assistant.

Marie Greene motioned to adopt the agenda. Second by Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, motion passed unanimously.

Margaret Hansen motioned to go into Executive Session, Carol Schaeffer second, motion passed unanimously. Executive session started at 9:12 a.m. and ended at 11:02 a.m.

Millie Hawley motioned to adopt the consent agenda. Marie Greene seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

The School Board shall establish and maintain a balanced budget. The Northwest Arctic Borough School District must provide a balanced budget to the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development by July 15 of each calendar year. For Fiscal Year 2027, in order to balance the budget, there were adjustments that had to be made. In July, the Superintendent petitioned the Borough to provide an increase appropriation for FY27 of \$1,000,000, which was approved at the Borough's July 28, 2026. If approved, these funds will be recorded as an increased Borough appropriation and used in FY27 for General Fund expenditures.

The next regular meeting of the NWABSD Board of Education will be held August 28, 2026, in person, with time at 4:00 p.m.

Alice Adams motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tillie Ticket. Motion passed with unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Tillie Ticket, Secretary

Kristen Walker, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF/GUESTS

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MEMO 27-003 APPROVAL OF
INCREASED FY27 BOROUGH
APPROPRIATION AND ALLOCATION
OF FUNDS

DATE/TIME OF NEXT BOARD
MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT