

Association of Alaska School Boards
Board of Directors Meeting
July 17-18 2026
Delta Junction, Alaska

As reported at the last NWABSD board meeting I would not be able to attend the AASB July board meeting due to the Inuit Circumpolar Council 2026 General Assembly held in Iqaluit Nunavut, Canada.

The results of the board self-evaluation was presented in Executive Session. The AASB 2025 Audit was presented by Max Mertz and was accepted with no opposition. The Financial Report was presented by Evan Reeves, CFO and the discussions included Policy 503, Revenue regarding the importance of the organization revenue composition to maintain and expand non-federal funding sources.

The AASB Board priorities focused on identifying priorities for the Executive Director and the Board. The Board identified ten organizational priorities, with Advocacy, Professional Development, and Relationship Building selected s the top three priorities.

The Action Items by the Board included the approval of the Executive Director's contract and discussed the AASB Calendar, terms expiring and board committees.

Resolutions sunseting was discussed and adopted the continuation of the 13 sunseting resolutions as recommended by staff and to allow resolution 2.45, *Teachers Education Loan Expansion to sunset*.

Adopted to amend Belief Statement B17 by adding the second sentence: *"AASB encourages the Alaska Legislature and the Governor to declare our children a most valuable resource."* And by adding the phrase *"to the highest standard"* in the third sentence, along with the early sunseting of Resolution 3.1. (10 in favor & 1 oppose)

Adopted to amend B17 by inserting the phrase *"are the top priority for our state"* after the phrase *"declare our children"* and before the phrase *"and our most valuable resource"* in the second sentence. (8 in favor & 3 oppose)

Motion 4: To amend the second sentence of Resolution 1.10 to read: *AASB is protective of local governance throughout its resolutions packet, including but not limited to the following areas.*” (Motion failed by a vote of 3 in favor and 8 opposed.)

Motion 5: To amend Resolution 1.10 by replacing the word “*control*” with “*governance*” in the second sentence of the first paragraph. (Motion carried with no opposition).

Board members also shared updates from their districts, celebrated student and staff accomplishments, and emphasized the importance of student voice, collaboration, and continued advocacy for Alaska’s schools and communities.

Next meeting date is November 9, 2026 after the AASB annual conference in Anchorage.

Quyaanna for your continued support.