

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2026
5:31 pm
NES Library

Member Tahbone called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm Tuesday, September 8, 2026 with a quorum present.

Member Tahbone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Tahbone read the Nome Public Schools Mission Statement.

School Board Members Present:

Kunaq Tahbone	Darlene Trigg	Jon Gregg
David O'Neill	Sigvanna Tapqaq (via Zoom)	

Others in attendance included:

Jim Shreve	Jennifer Shreve	Corey Shepherd
Jamie Burgess	Elizabeth Korenek-Johnson	Stan Burgess
Jefford Valdehueza	Emmeline Mercurio	Lisa Garland
Arianna Crockett-O'Hara	Ayden Wickman	Heidi Secor
Teriscovkya Smith		

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Trigg moved to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Kunaq Tahbone: Yes	Darlene Trigg: Yes	Jon Gregg: Yes
David O'Neill: Yes	Sigvanna Tapqaq: Yes	

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Trigg moved to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting, August 11, 2026; the August 2026 disbursements; the August 2026 personnel report; and the August 2026 gifts grants and bequests.

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

Kunaq Tahbone: Yes	Darlene Trigg: Yes	Jon Gregg: Yes
David O'Neill: Yes	Sigvanna Tapqaq: Yes	

INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

Superintendent Burgess introduced the new teachers in the audience.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Burgess reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

Discussion followed.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

NES Principal, Corey Shepherd reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes. Discussion followed.

ACSA Principal, Ayden Wickman reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes. Discussion followed.

NBMHS Principal, Teriscovkya Smith reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes. Discussion followed.

Director of Technology, Jim Shreve reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes. Discussion followed.

Director of Facilities, Jonathan Duarte reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

Coordinator of SPED, Tricia Shambach reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

Director of Federal Programs, Tyler Davis reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

CFO, Genevieve Hollins reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes. Discussion followed.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

NONE

ACTION ITEMS

Member Trigg moved to approve the updated Six Year Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion followed.

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

Kunaq Tahbone: No

Darlene Trigg: No

Jon Gregg: No

David O'Neill: No

Sigvanna Tapqaq: No

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board directed Superintendent Burgess to convene a committee to review the CIP plan and to bring it back to the Board subsequently.

Member Trigg mentioned that AASB will hold its summer meeting in Nome July 15-18 2027. Member Tapqaq requested that the Board prepare a letter of support for her to run for her appointed seat in AASB. She also requested a meeting to discuss resolutions for submittal for the AASB Resolutions Committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Special Meeting, Wednesday September 30, 2026

- Regular Meeting, Tuesday October 13 2026
- Work Session, Tuesday October 27 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Member Tahbone moved to adjourn at 7:23 pm.

Kunaq Tahbone
President, Board of Education

Darlene Trigg
Vice President, Board of Education