ADOPTED 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 451st regular meeting of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education to order at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, the meeting was held virtually.	CALL TO ORDER
Board Members present were: Alice Adams Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus Marie Greene Carol Schaeffer Margaret Hansen Erica Nelson Mille Hawley Lawrence Jones Carol Schaeffer Tillie Ticket Board Members absent and excused were Alice Melton-Barr A quorum was present.	ROLL CALL
Observed.	MOMENT OF SILENCE
Observed.	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Staff Present: Terri Walker, Superintendent; Jeff Alexander, Assistant Superintendent; Natalie Dickie, Director of Administration; Ariel Johnson, Director of Curriculum; Joseph Groves, Director of ATC; Joy Cogburn-Smith, Director of State/Federal Programs; James Stewart, Director of Human Resources; Dena Strait, Capital Projects Manager; Savio Dias, Director of Technology; and Perrian Windhausen, Director of Student Services & Special Education. **Guests:** Thor Lie and Shylena Lie.	INTRODUCTION OF STAFF/GUESTS
Thor Lie and Shylena Lie raised questions during the public comment period.	PUBLIC COMMENTS
Marie Greene moved to approve the agenda as amended, Seconded by Millie Hawley. Approved unanimously.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA
The following school employees were recognized: Cheryl Curtis-Jackson, Kiana School; Emmanuel Labial, Kotzebue Middle/High School; Tim Cowdell, June Nelson Elementary School; Sarrah Dalingay Taylor, Davis-Ramoth Memorial School; and Tori Newlin, Noorvik Middle/High School.	RECOGNITION AND AWARDS
Superintendent Terri Walker presented her report.	SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Margaret Hansen moved that the Board go into an executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which clearly would have an adverse effect upon finance of the school district; Seconded by Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus. Motion passed unanimously by rollcall vote. The Board convened into executive session at 4:45 p.m. The board convened into executive session at 5:45 p.m.	EXECUTIVE SESSION
Marie Greene moved to adopt the consent agenda, pulling Memorandums 27-029, 27-030, 27-031, 27-032, and 27-033, and to table Item 11, Oath of Office, until October 14, 2026, reorganization meeting. Margaret Hansen seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.	ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA
Approval of August 29, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.	ADOPTION OF AUGUST 29, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Board approval is required for purchases that exceed $50,000. Two phases of work have been completed on the heating, ventilation and building controls systems in Buckland School since 2023. Borough, District and Denali Commission have funded this work. Module C Boiler replacement is the final phase of the originally intended work. January 2026 Memo 26-072 approved up to $75k in design work by RSA Engineering and EHS Alaska. RSA's contract is in place, and EHS's contract is in process. Project will bid late 2026 for 2027 execution. A total match of $116,331 is needed, thus a remaining $41,331 commitment is requested of the Board. The administration recommends the Board Approve Acceptance of FY27 Funding for Buckland K-12 School Boiler Replacement of $271,440 and approve a match not to exceed $41,331 as presented.	APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF FY27 FUNDING BUCKLAND K-12 SCHOOL BOILER REPLACEMENT

Board approval is required for purchases that exceed $50,000. DEED has awarded the project FY27 funding to advance the design to 65% complete, construct the gravel pad and install the school's piles. Gravel pad construction will be bid this fall as required by DEED. If DOT contractor Brice Inc. is the successful bidder, gravel pad work will be completed in March/April 2027 and piles installed in March/April '28. Otherwise, work will be completed in late '27 to early '28. There was approximately $850k in Borough bond funding left over from the Kivalina Replacement School project. Upon Board direction, this could be requested for reuse to support the match required for this new grant. The administration recommends the Board Approve Acceptance of FY27 Funding for Deering K-12 Replacement School of $6,000,000 and approve a match not to exceed $2,571,429 as presented.	APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF FY27 FUNDING DEERING K-12 REPLACEMENT SCHOOL
Board approval is required for purchases that exceed $50,000. DEED has awarded the project FY27 funding to advance the design to 65% complete, construct the gravel pad and install the school's piles. An increase in the existing design contract is needed for 65% design services and documentation. Sepate bid packages for the gravel pad construction and pile installation are part of this contract, as is geotechnical investigations. The administration recommends the Board Approve Design Contract Increase - Deering K-12 Replacement School not to exceed $1,400,000 as presented.	APPROVE DESIGN CONTRACT INCREASE – DEERING K-12 REPLACEMENT SCHOOL
Board approval is required for purchases that exceed $50,000. District has been awarded $150,000 through a grant from Housing Alaskans Public Private Partnership (HAPPP). Funds will supplement the completion of the Noatak duplexes, primarily funded by two Alaska Housing Finance Corporations FY25 grants, and already committed District match. Two duplexes will be constructed, providing four new units near the school where existing teacher housing is located. The administration recommends the Board Approve Acceptance of HAPPP Funding- Noatak Duplexes of $150,000 as presented.	APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF HAPPP FUNDING NOATAK DUPLEXES
Board approval is required for purchases that exceed $50,000. Construction work is in progress and will continue into fall 2027. This authorization does not automatically increase their contract. Board approval is only intended to have authorization in place if and when change orders occur. Project is in budget with minimal change orders so far. Funding is from already approved and secured sources. This action moves funding from other budget line items, including project contingency, for potential construction contract increases. The administration recommends the Board Approve Increase to H Construction Contract – Davis Ramoth in an amount not to exceed $900,000 as presented.	APPROVE INCREASE TO H CONTRUCTION CONTRACT - DAVIS RAMOTH
Board approval is required for purchases that exceed $50,000. The administration is requesting approval of a contract for construction to Convergint Technologies for work on the front entrances of all schools, except Selawik. Selawik's front vestibule is being addressed as part of the Davis-Ramoth Renovation Project. Every school across the district has a door hardware system designed to keep intruders out of the building, specifically during school hours. The current configuration is not compliant with life safety codes as required by the State Fire Marshal. Convergint Technologies was selected for this work because they are the contractor on the Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 sites project. One of the existing non-compliant issues, is the doors are not released by the fire alarm system. A competitive bid is not required for the secure vestibule work because they are a Sourcewell contractor, which means their services have already been publicly procured. The following schools may be addressed as part of that project if funding allows: Ambler, Buckland, June Nelson Elementary, Kotzebue Middle High School and Shungnak. Funding availability will not be known until the fire system project is further advanced. The remaining schools have no other project work scheduled; thus, this contract and funding is the only way for them to be resolved. These schools will be addressed first as it is determined if there is any available funding under the Fire System project. District may apply to DEED for reimbursement for up to five years after project completion. The administration recommends the Board Approve a Contract for Construction to Convergint Technologies not to exceed $600,000 for Secure Vestibule Code Modifications as presented.	APPROVE CONTRACT FOR CONTRUCTION – SECURE VESTIBULES
Each month various Human Resources actions occur, which require Board action or cognizance. On a monthly basis the administration recommends Board approval of new certified/classified hires, positions reclassifications and the revision of job descriptions. In addition, the administration informs the Board of resignations and terminations throughout the district. The administration recommends the Board approve the Human Resources actions as presented.	APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES
Board approval is required for contracts that exceed $50,000. Anna Coddington, MA CCC-SLP is a Speech/Language Pathologist who provides oversight, direct, and indirect services, in the form of evaluations and direct therapy, for children 0-21 primarily located in villages. She is an experienced therapist who has a history of working effectively with staff and students in the rural/remote Alaska. She will provide direct service, consultations, and oversee and conduct speech/language evaluations. This Addendum will provide the opportunity to assist the district in providing services as to improve educational advantages for students in the district. The MOA Addendum, which includes travel, is for a $10,000 increase of current approved MOA amount of $64,000. For a total MOA in the amount not to exceed $74,000. Funding Sources: Special Ed Grant = $10,000. The administration recommends board approval of the MOA Addendum with Anna Coddington, Speech/Language Pathologist, with the increase amount not to exceed $10,000 for a total MOA amount not to exceed $74,000. as presented.	APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO FY27 MOA WITH ANNA CODDINGTON, SPEECH PATHOLOGIST, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED A $74,000
Board approval is required for contracts that exceed $50,000. Wilder Interpreting services provides direct, real-time interpreting services and collaboration as scheduled and approved by Director of Special Programs. They provide video-based services via direct student/teacher on-site contact per agreement ($110/hour). The consultants have a history of working effectively with staff and students in the special services program. This contract will provide the opportunity to assist the district in providing services as to improve educational advantages for students in the district. The MOA, is for $55,000. Funding Sources: Special Ed General Fund= $55,000. The administration recommends board approval of the MOA fy 27 with Wilder Interpreting Services, in the amount not to exceed $55,000 as presented.	APPROVAL OF FY27 MOA – WILDER INTERPRETING SERVICES

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AASB

Nominations for the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Board of Directors require formal Board action. Each year, during the annual General Membership meeting of the AASB, an election is held to fill expired seats on the AASB Board of Directors. AASB will have 5 three-year seats and 1 one-year seat open for this election cycle. The AASB Board is made up of 15 school board members who govern the Association for the benefit of all the member districts. Consider nominating a member of your school board for this vital role. **Nominees must attend the AASB Annual Conference and deliver a 2-minute speech to the membership on Saturday, November 7th, 2026. If elected, they must attend the AASB Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2026**.

27-029, Margaret moved to approve Nomination of Board of Directors AASB, Erica Nelson, Marie Greene seconded that motion. Passed by rollcall vote.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR; AASB

Nominations for the Alaska School Boards (AASB) Carol Rose Governance Award require formal Board action. The AASB Board of Directors honored Carl Rose in 2013 by naming the organization's leadership training program for school members for him after his retirement. Rose was the Executive Director of AASB from 1987 until 2013. During those 26 years, he participated in every major education debate and reform in K-12 education, and reshaped AASB into a full-service, statewide, non-profit organization whose motto is "Advocates for Alaska's Youth." The Carl Rose Governance Award is presented to an outstanding school board member each year at the AASB Annual Conference. The individual receiving the Carl Rose Governance Award is recognized for their: commitment, dedication, and accomplishments as a locally elected school board member. Board members can be nominated by their school board and superintendent for consideration of this award. Selection is done by the AASB Awards Committee. This award is presented at the Annual Conference awards banquet. In order to be eligible, a nominee: Must have served on their local board for at least four consecutive years. Must serve on a member board in good standing of AASB Nominations must be received by October 2, 2026

Marie Greene moved to adopt Memorandum 27-030, nominating Tillie Ticket for the AASB Carl Rose Governance Award (Board Member of the Year). Lawrence Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

NOMINATION FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BOARD OF THE YEAR; AASB

Nominations for the Association of Alaska School Board's (AASB) Outstanding School Board of the Year requires formal Board action. The Outstanding School Board Award is designed to reflect and honor a school board's involvement in Board Standards. School Boards should self-nominate for this award. Selection is done by the AASB Awards Committee. This award is presented at the Annual Conference awards luncheon. In order to be eligible, a school board: Must be a member board in good standing of AASB. Must have formally adopted Board Standards Nominations must be received by October 2, 2026.

Margaret Hansen moved to approve Memorandum 27-031, nominating the NWABSD Board of Education for the AASB Outstanding School Board of the Year Award, as presented. Marie Greene seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

SELECTION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NWABSD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Selection of Student Representative to the NWABSD Board of Education shall be selected by Board. According to AR 9110 (b), the Board believes it is important to seek out and consider students' ideas, viewpoints and reactions to the educational program. In order to provide student input and involvement, the Board shall appoint Student Representative(s) as deemed necessary. Student Representative(s) shall have the right to attend public meetings of the Board, be recognized at meetings, participate in discussing issues and shall receive all materials presented to Board members except those related to executive session. Applications will be provided for review and consideration in Executive Session. The administration recommends the Board select up to two Student Representatives and one Alternate Student Representative to the NWABSD Board of Education as presented.

Margaret Hansen moved to approve Memorandum 27-032, selecting up to two student representatives and one alternate representative to serve on the NWABSD Board of Education. Erica Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF VACANT SEAT F: BUCKLAND, DEERING, SELAWIK

Seat F on the Northwest Arctic Borough School District (NWABSD) Board of Education became vacant on August 28, 2026, due to resignation of former member. In accordance with Board Policy 9223, vacancy on the Board shall be filled within 30 days of the vacancy by Board appointment The person appointed shall hold office until the next regularly scheduled election for district Board members and shall be afforded all the powers and duties of a Board member upon appointment. The district provided public notice of the vacancy and invited letters of interest from eligible residents. The administration recommends that the Board move to appoint Daisy Weinard, to serves as a NWABSD Board Member serving in Seat F, Representing District 6 (Buckland, Deering, Selawik), and declare the seat filled as presented.

Marie Greene moved to approve Memorandum 27-033, appointing Daisy Weinard to the NWABSD Board of Education, representing District 6 (Buckland, Deering, and Selawik), and declaring the seat filled, as presented. Tillie Ticket seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATION AND ITEMS PRESENTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Carol Schaeffer recognized Alice Melton-Barr for her service on the NWABSD Board of Education.
- Marie Greene provided a verbal report on AASB Board activities.
- Margaret Hansen recognized Herman Ticket as the Region 1 recipient of the ASAA Lifetime Gold Pass.

DATE/TIME OF NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the NWABSD Board of Education will be held virtually on November 23–24, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Tillie Ticket moved to adjourn the meeting. Erica Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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Tillie Ticket, Secretary

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Terri Walker, Recording Secretary