



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

**Unapproved Minutes
Special School Board Meeting
December 17, 2019
1:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Board President, Roxanne Brower, called the Board of Education Special Meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. at the Archie K. Brower Conference Room in Utqiagvik, Alaska.

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

ROLL CALL:

Mary Jo Olemaun – Present
Muriel Brower - Present
Madeline Hickman – Present
Qaiyaan Harcharek– Present

Nancy Rock – Present
Nora Jane Burns- Present
Roxanne Brower – Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Muriel Brower MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education APPROVE the agenda. Qaiyaan Harcharek SECONDED the motion and REQUESTED to MOVE Item 2A. AAA Financial and Business Consulting Services before the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget Approval. No objections. Question called. The motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACT OVER 10K, AAA FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CONSULTING SERVICES is presented by Superintendent Kathy Ahgeak. In accordance with the applicable Board Policy 3312, contracts and Memorandum of Agreements \$10,000 or greater require Board approval. The administration recommended the approval of AAA Financial and Business Consulting Services in the amount of \$110,000 provided under account code 100.200.550.000.410. This agreement would include the preparation and analyzation of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 comprehensive financial budget, provide recommendations in budget efficiencies, assist business administration in preparing a multi-year budget forecast, report monthly financials, and assist in the legislative session.

Points of discussion include: legal review of the contract, communication and availability to the administration and Board, and contract length.

Muriel Brower MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education APPROVE SB20-140 Revision One. Mary Jo Olemaun SECONDED the motion. Discussion called. Question called. The motion CARRIED in a roll-call vote of six yes, one no.

Mary Jo Olemaun – Yes
Nora Jane Burns – Yes
Muriel Brower – Yes

Nancy Rock – Yes
Qaiyaan Harcharek – No

Madeline Hickman – Yes
Roxanne Brower– Yes

FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 PRELIMINARY PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVAL is presented by Superintendent Kathy Ahgeak and Assistant Superintendent Ronnie Stanford. The preparation of the

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget began with approval necessary to assist the North Slope Borough School District Board of Education in the upcoming budget hearings leading to an eventual approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget. The assumptions include: projected student enrollment of 2,016 K-12th Grade students with twenty-five intensive needs students, and two-hundred fifty special needs students; staffing positions will be forecast to meet the needs at each school site; increased salary and benefit costs will be included with the completion of the negotiated agreement with the North Slope Borough Educator's Association; Board priorities from the Strategic Plan include improving salaries of the paraprofessionals, improving class-size in overcrowded classrooms, improving communications, Iñupiat Education, grant operations, and life-safety needs of the school district. The timeline for the budget is as follows: January 1, the Superintendent will submit the proposed school budget to the School Board through Charter 9.040; February 1, the School Board will approve the budget and six-year capital plan to send to the North Slope Borough Mayor; February 1, enterprises send recommended budgets to the North Slope Borough Mayor; March 1, the School Board sends the final budget to the Mayor on, but not prior to March 1, or the first business day after March 1 required through Charter 9.040, AS 14.14.060©; March 15, the North Slope Borough Mayor submits the proposed operating budget and tax levy to the Assembly; March 30, the Assembly holds hearings and approves the operating budget ordinance, including the amount of local support for education, and the tax levy resolution required by Charter 11.060 – 11.070 and AS 29.45.240; March 31, the Clerk delivers ordinance to the School Board showing the amount of local support appropriated for public schools required by AS 14.14.060(b); May 31, the Mayor submits proposed capital budget and six-year plan to the Assembly required by Charter 11.020; May 31, the North Slope Borough Mayor submits the proposed capital budget and six-year plan to the Assembly required by Charter 11.020; June 15, the Assembly holds hearings and approves the capital budget and six-year capital plan ordinances required by Charter 11.060 – 11.070; August, the Clerk prepares any necessary bond election ordinances for introduction not later than the first meeting in August.

Points of discussion include: grant and budget deadlines, budgeting the Board priorities and the Education Summit priorities.

Muriel Brower MOVED to APPROVE SB20-142. Madeline Hickman SECONDED the motion. Discussion called. Question called. The motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

CONTRACT 10K AND OVER, EXCEL ALASKA is presented by Superintendent Kathy Ahgeak. In accordance with the applicable Board Policy 3312, contracts and Memorandum of Agreements \$10,000 or greater require Board approval. The administration recommended the approval of EXCEL Alaska in the amount of \$300,000 under account code 379.200.160.000.410. This agreement would provide hands-on academic and career technical education opportunities, post-secondary awareness, career readiness immersion, and individualized high school transitional services.

Points of discussion include: Iñupiat opportunities and improving relations at each school site; student testimony of Alaska Excel; and student participation in Alaska EXCEL activities.

Muriel Brower MOVED to APPROVE SB20-143. Madeline Hickman SECONDED the motion. Discussion called. The motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday-Thursday, January 8-9, 2020 Budget Hearings.

ADJOURNED AT 2:32 P.M. Muriel Brower MOVED to adjourn. Nora Jane Burns SECONDED the motion. Question called. The motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Board Secretary

Board President

Board Clerk

Date