

*Northwest Arctic Borough School District
Northwest Arctic Borough
NANA Regional Corporation*

**JOINT MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, March 7, 2024
5:00 p.m.**

Join via Teams
Call 1-833-682-3239 or 907-308-3192 & enter code: 850 399 375#

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. MOMENT OF SILENCE

C. ROLL CALL

Introduction of Staff & Guests

D. AGENDA APPROVAL

E. ADOPTION OF DEC 4, 2023, MINUTES

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Capital Projects Report

Selawik Fire Alarm Replacement Emergency Contract

Preliminary Discussion of Update of FY 26 DEED Capital Improvement Program

G. ACTION ITEMS

Concurrence with Budget and Contract Award Deering Replacement School

H. CLOSING COMMENTS

I. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chairs: Marie Greene-NWABSD Board of Education & Austin Swan Sr.-NWAB Assembly

Committee Members: Elmer Armstrong Jr.-NWAB Assembly, Gloria Carter-NANA Board of Director, Margaret Hansen-NWABSD Board of Education, Joanne Harris-NWABSD Board of Education, Millie Hawley-NWABSD Board of Education, Crystal Johnson-NANA Board of Director, Reid Magdanz-NWAB Assembly, Walter Sampson-NWAB Assembly, , and Myra Wesley-NANA Board of Director

**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."

Co-Chair, Marie Greene, called the Joint Construction/Maintenance Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on December 4th, 2023, in Kotzebue, AK Via Microsoft Teams.

Observed.

Committee Members present were:

Margaret Hansen, NWABSD Board of Education President
Marie Greene, NWABSD Board of Education Co-Chair
Tillie Ticket, NWABSD Board of Education Member
Shannon Melton, NWABSD Board of Education Member
Myra Wesley, NANA Board Member
Gary Hadley, NANA Board Member
Elmer Armstrong, NWAB Board Member

Committee Members absent and excused were:

Gladys Jones, NANA Board Member
Austin Swan Sr., NWAB Assembly Member
Hannah Loon, NWAB Assembly Co-Chair

Staff/Guests present at the meeting were: Terri Walker-NWABSD Superintendent, Kathy Christy-NWABSD Capital Projects Manager, Dena Strait-NWABSD Capital Projects, Brandon Blackham-NWABSD Property Services Director, Jeff Alexander, Human Resources Director; Amy Eakin-NWABSD Director of Technology, Mickey Jorgensen, Capitol Projects and Regional Operations Manager, Shayne Schaeffer-Executive Assistant to School Board and Superintendent.

Marie Greene has moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Tillie Ticket. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Kathy Christy presented her Capital Projects Report.

Dena Strait presented the Buckland HVAC report.

- **Margaret Hansen:** We need the funding by when.
- **Dena Strait:** By February of next year, part of that money is covering some new boilers, and those have a long lead item, so if we had the money secured by February, we can get those out there and installed before the heating season.
- **Margaret Hansen:** How did the Denali Commission arrive at the 1-million-dollar grant?
- **Dena Strait:** We gave them a budget of what was outstanding. We did put a contingency in there, but we didn't put enough contingency because the contractor's pricing came back higher.
- **Margaret Hansen:** Would we be able to resubmit to Denali, to see if they have additional funding?
- **Dena Strait:** We should be able to ask if that's an option.
- **Margaret Hansen:** The situation with the Village Improvement Commission and the fund of Buckland HVAC is not on the list for Buckland, and they only have those community meetings maybe a couple of times a year. We really can't submit that application. And I think there is only 2 million dollars left to spend in the VIF for this year until maybe spring/summer when they receive monies from Teck.
- **Kathy Chrity:** We concurred with the VIF and confirmed that it was 2 million for the rest of the year. The deadline is the 15th of December.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF/GUESTS

AGENDA APPROVAL

CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

BUCKLAND HVAC

- **Marie Greene:** You are correct about the remaining monies with VIF, it's up to the community to submit applications. As Margaret commented it has to be on their community priority list. Looking at the FY22 VIF report for Buckland, they do have school improvements listed; it is up to the community as to what applications they want to submit.
 - **Margaret Hansen:** The best thing to do is to go back to Denali and say we got some final numbers. Are you willing, or do you have additional funding you can apply to this project so we can move forward this spring?
 - **Dena:** We do plan on moving forward with the funding that we do have, and if they have the additional money, we can do all of it in one shot.
- Discussion regarding the following:
- HVAC Controls Upgrade at eight sites
 - June Nelson roof replacement project
 - District Wide Fire System includes fire alarms and one sprinkler system at six sites.
 - Selawik School Project to possibly get funded.
 - School Construction List:
 - Deering Project, which is at number five.
 - AHFC Teacher Housing Project:
 - Wrapped up the two Kivalina Teacher housing projects and were waiting on Audits and Inspections to close those out.
 - Selawik is close to completion and wants to coordinate the inspection and audit.
 - Buckland, we finally got the grant agreements for the joint project with the Borough and the separate district duplex; we just got that signed.
 - Kivalina, the construction is completed, and the punch list items have been corrected, we are working on the process of close out and waiting on the guidelines for the artwork.
 - Kivalina's vehicle garage is funded through an old state grant passed through the borough, and we need to complete the heating system installation before it's closed out.
- **Myra Wesley:** I was curious about the timeline for finishing off the monies on the remaining art.
 - **Kathy Christy:** In the past, the department allowed us to close out the grant if the money for the art is restricted in another account. Because it takes a while to select the artist and for the artist to produce it.
 - **Myra Wesley:** Can we hire someone locally from Kivalina to purchase?
 - **Kathy Christy:** Generally, the art money is supposed to go towards producing the art.
 - **Myra Wesley:** Can we designate somebody with the district to oversee purchases with local artists?
 - **Kathy Christy:** In the past, we have had the students look through the artifacts in the display cases and let them make that determination. The Anchorage Museum wants to work with us.
 - **Myra Wesley:** Is the teacher housing being turned over to the IRA in Kivalina?
 - **Kathy Christy:** We transported the usable buildings to the new school site.
 - **Marie Greene:** When you say buildings, you don't want, what's the next step?
 - **Kathy Christy:** All school buildings are owned by the borough.
 - **Marie Greene:** Has the borough been informed; it sounds like the village of Kivalina is interested.
 - **Terri Walker:** The borough lawyer and our lawyer have been working together to draft the documents for turnover.
 - **Elmer Armstrong:** At our last meeting, we discussed transferring the

- responsibilities, and the condition of the buildings was questionable.
- **Marie Greene:** It would be good to have some closure on this and get it taken care of; there might be some interest in the village. That's the point I wanted to make.
 - **Margaret Hansen:** We know the borough bond debt; they have 7 million dollars left. We look at the Selawik project, which is probably going to move a lot quicker. The match would be 1 million, 884 thousand, 834 dollars.
 - **Kathy Christy:** We would have to go to the Borough to see if they can use some of their bond authorization as they did with Kivalina. We are also potentially looking at other grants we can use for the match, and we spent some money on planning, but those were really small percentages.
- The Selawik Davis Ramoth project with be funded, were anticipating that once we get the grant agreement that will probably happen next July or August. The design team to finish up the documents, bid it for construction and the hope would be we can start construction in spring of 2025.
 - In the Deering replacement school, there's quite a bit of infrastructure work going on right now. DOT is putting in a new road from the community to the airport, and our current site is right off that road so we will need that road in place, so we have access to our site. ANTHC is also working on upgrading the community's water and sewer systems. As well as work on the Water treatment system and the potential power upgrades. We're coordinating with those entities so that we have a road water and sewer and power to the site. There is not enough money with the DEED grant to put in all the infrastructure.
 - As we look forward to putting in DEED Applications for FY26, those will go in next summer. To move some of the projects up the list, we do need to get additional engineering condition reports, or cost estimates to support those grant applications and move them up higher on the list for funding. That's all I have for the future CIP projects report.
- **Marie Greene:** Any comments or questions?
 - **Margaret Hansen:** The ATC family housing, what was the final number of needs? 11 million?
 - **Dena Strait:** We put in an application to Senator Murkowski and Representative Peltola's offices last March, at that point it was an 8 million for construction, given the way that pricing is going you are probably accurate to being closer to a 11-million-dollar project although we haven't updated on that project recently.
 - **Margaret Hansen:** We know that the borough has 7 million dollars left in bond debt. The Selawik project is likely to progress faster, requiring a match of \$1,884,834. So where would we plan on getting that money?
 - **Kathy Chrisy:** We would have to go to the Borough to see if they can use some of their bond authorization as they did with Kivalina. We are also potentially looking at other grants we can use for the match, and we spent some money on planning, but those were really small percentages.
 - **Margaret Hansen:** That would bring the total borough bond debt 7 million down to about 5 million, and Deering if we got that moved up.
 - **Dena Strait:** 9.3 is the match.
 - **Margaret Hansen:** Kathy, can you work with us on writing up a request to the borough, Elmer we are wanting to have a joint meeting with the assembly, we haven't had one for a couple years. This should probably be on the agenda to

discuss with the borough on what we are going to do to make sure Kivalina school is ready when the time comes that it comes up as the major new construction. We will need 9.3 million as a match to the DEED project.

- **Kathy Christy:** Also keep in mind that it's got 4 other large projects ahead of it on that list, but we have got some time to work on that.
- **Margaret Hansen:** If we can have that Kathy at our January meeting, Marie if that's okay, if there is any objection if that's possible.
- **Marie Greene:** Any objections from the Committee members to having this on the schedule?
- **Terri Walker:** Can I get some clarification on what it is we are having on the agenda for January, will it be another JMCC meeting again, and you are looking to have?
- **Margaret Hansen:** An update from our Capital projects on the bond debt. So that we can easily explain that to our future joint meeting with the assembly and our district board to discuss how we are going to cover the match for Deering's new school.
- **Terri Walker:** We need to look at the process for how that can be increased, and how much we want it increased and then to talk to the borough about how to move forward with that request?
- **Margaret Hansen:** Yes, because we will have to go back to the vote of the people once we reach that 100 million ceiling of bond debt the voters approved. Kathy that's my understanding, the borough would have to either find the money to help us or go out for another vote.
- **Kathy Christy:** There is also a possibility of keeping an eye out for potential grants. For example, if ANTHC had, I am not sure if this is even possible were going to need sewer connections, if some of that was funding through ANTHC that would be counted towards our match.
- **Margaret Hansen:** Marie, my reasoning is, it's going to take several months to prepare the boroughs election process to next October, it may take a couple votes to the next year, but they can also have a special election anytime if they so choose.
- **Kathy Christy:** If I can add, if we are looking at potentially 1999, they passed a 100-million-dollar match with the goal of upgrading all those schools. And now Kivalina is the last school, so we have essentially completed that mission. But enough time has passed the schools that were on the first done are now at the point that they need renewal, and may we look at something bigger and broader than just Deering because it's part of that. We know we have the issues with the HVAC Controls and the Fire alarms, and if we're going to voters for bonding maybe we look at a long-term authorization that could fund school needs.
- **Margaret Hansen:** Yes, that would be great to include all that thank you.
- **Marie Greene:** We have got to keep in mind, the life of the red dog mine. I know meetings have been held regarding that, and it will be the decision of the Assembly for the Mayor to recommend whatever he will be supporting. There are also some challenges out there if we are wanting to encourage a long-term bond.
- **Kathy Christy:** May I also suggest, initiating those ideas in January were probably not going to be in position to put together a comprehensive recommendation. Maybe start a process so that we will get to that point, but I think it will take several months.
- **Margaret Hansen:** If we could just start with this Deering one and tell them that we will probably need to start initiating that discussion, and maybe their legal can also work with us.
- **Kathy Christy:** There are also formulas that are pretty reliable on the amount you need to reinvest in your buildings for renewal and replacement and we can use something like to anticipate what the other schools are going to need over the next 15 years.
- **Marie Greene:** Any further discussion?

- Village improvement fund deadline, due in 11 days, something we can consider in the future.

- Closing comments:
 - Marie Greene: We need to get the minutes of the committee meeting; we had one on June 5th. And I didn't check to see if we had any other committee meetings after that. An updated list of committee members.
 - Myra Wesley: Happy Holidays

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

CLOSING COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

UNADOPTED

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: February 27, 2024

NUMBER: Work session VIII.

FR: Office of the Superintendent.

SUBJECT: a. Capital Projects Report

Capital Projects Managers, Dena Strait and Kathy Christy report on the following:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT (DEED): The Department of Education has finalized the Capital Project priority lists for FY 25 grants. The current rankings of NWABSD applications are as follows and Governor's budget does not include any of these projects.

Major Maintenance

Davis-Ramoth K-12 School Renewal is ranked #3 on the Major Maintenance list. The two projects ahead of it total \$4.3 million. The total project amount is \$9,596,772 including a local share of \$1,884,834. Costs incurred prior to grant approval are potentially reimbursable.

HVAC Controls Upgrade at 8 Sites is ranked #21 with \$49,911,150 ahead of it. Total project is \$9,838,153 with \$1,967,631 match requirement.

June Nelson Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement ranked #45 at \$1,860,808 with \$373,162 match.

Districtwide Fire System Repair and Replacement 6 sites ranked #54 at \$3,731,750 and participating share of \$746,350.

School Construction

Deering K-12 School Replacement School is ranked #5 on the school construction list. The four projects ahead of Deering total \$163.5 million.

AHFC TEACHER HOUSING:

Kivalina – Inspection and audits occurred in January. Project closeout is in progress.

Selawik – Inspection and audits occurred in January. Project closeout is in progress.

Buckland - Housing Alaskans: A Public-Private Partnership (HAPPP) may be able to provide additional funding for the Buckland teacher housing project. Last year the typical grant averaged about \$120,000. HAPPP has not yet received its 2024 grant budget.

DEED PROJECTS

KIVALINA REPLACEMENT SCHOOL

Construction: The District is working on the close out process with DEED.

Percent for Art: A Request for Proposals for additional art was advertised in February. Proposals will be shared with school community in March. Following the review of submissions the Committee may request additional information from the artists before developing a final selection. Artwork recommendations will be presented to the JMCC and the Board for concurrence and approval.

DEED will allow closeout of the grant prior to completion of artwork. The District is to hold the art funding in a dedicated account. It is anticipated the production of art work will be completed in FY 25.

Grant Closeout: Although construction is complete, project closeout is an extended process requiring several months. The design team has almost completed the project record documents. Once this is complete ASRC can submit the final pay request and complete closeout documents. There will be remaining funds in the project budget. DEED funding provides 80% of the project funds. The balance of local share of funding might be reallocated after the project is complete. The Borough attorney has agreed it may be possible to reallocate to other capital projects. The Kivalina project would need to be closed out before funds could be reallocated.

FY-19 BOROUGH LEGISLATIVE GRANT – The Borough is providing pass-through state funding for two District projects.

Kivalina Vehicle Garage

Garage is in use. Installation of heating system remains to be completed.

Buckland HVAC Upgrade

In January 2023 the Board approved the award contract for Phase I of the Buckland HVAC Upgrade Project in the amount of \$845,136 was issued to Sturgeon Electric. This phase replaced the existing electric controls in the building with direct digital controls for the air handling units and main pumps in the building. It also installed variable frequency drives on various pumps and motors. This work was completed in October 2023.

SELAWIK EMERGENCY FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

The fire alarm system was patched together this summer but this winter break it failed once and for all. There are no replacement parts for the old, outdated fire alarm panel and system. In January the Board approved emergency procurement for replacement of the fire alarm panel and system and the delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent. DEED has approved a shortened 14 day bid period. The Administration is currently bidding the work with bid opening scheduled for March 8th, and also requesting funding from the Borough. The Administration will report the results of the bidding and the amount of the issued contract at the next regular Board meeting.

FUTURE CIP PROJECTS

DAVIS-RAMOTH K-12 SCHOOL RENEWAL – This project did not make the recommendation for the Governor's FY 25 budget.

DAVIS-RAMOTH K-12 SCHOOL EMERGENCY FIRE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT – This project is anticipated to be submitted for FY26 funding to emergency replacement costs.

DEERING K-12 SCHOOL REPLACEMENT SCHOOL – Construction of new school is dependent on funding and schedule of new DOT airport road. Given the cost and scoring of projects ahead of Deering it may be several years before this project is funded. Since the January meeting the project manager and design team have reviewed and confirmed the suitability of the project site approved by the Deering Community and used in the FY25 Deering Replacement School grant application.

Additional funding is needed to proceed with site planning to support coordination with Deering airport road and utility projects managed by other agencies. Funding for completing the project design to the schematic design level also requires more funding. It is estimated that an additional \$175,000 is needed to improve the scoring of the FY 25 DEED grant application. JMCC concurrence and Board approval for the increase in funding for continued planning and design for

the Deering Replacement School. The District will continue to work with Burkhart Croft Architects and their engineers.

Buckland HVAC Upgrade Phases II and III

In fall 2023 the Denali Commission awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,041,860 to the District for Buckland Energy/HVAC Phase II. This work will move forward in Summer 2024 when this federal funding award is finalized.

Phase II will cost approximately \$900,000 and will include replacement of baseboard and thermostats, ventilation controls, completion of DDC controls for the entire school, pipe insulation, more efficient pumps, flush and replacement of heating liquid throughout, fan replacement, and installation of ventilation hoods and dampers.

The final phase III, boiler and flue replacement, requires an additional \$380,000, assuming it is done at the same time as Phase II, to complete the full scope of work for the Buckland HVAC upgrade. Delaying the project will increase the costs. Funding for this work is not yet identified.

OTHER POTENTIAL MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS – Capital Project Manager will issue an RFP for term engineering services to move districtwide fire alarm and districtwide HVAC projects forward. This will increase their scores on the DEED CIP lists.

DEED CIP Grant Award Priorities – Documentation to support FY26 DEED applications needs to begin now in order to be completed for applications due September 1, 2024. Identification and prioritization of projects is needed to move this work forward. Potential projects identified in the FY 25 CIP is attached

KOTZEBUE PROFESSIONAL HOUSING

The District is participating in discussions with the City and Borough regarding funding that is available for development of housing units for professionals in Kotzebue.

MARCH 8 BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Memo 24- xxx Approval of Budget and Contract Award Deering Replacement School

Memo 24- xxx Award of contract for emergency replacement of Davis-Ramoth fire alarm system

**FY 25 SIX YEAR CIP AS RECOMMENDED BY
JOINT MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

District Priority	Primary Purpose	Project Title & Description	SOA Aid	Estimated Project Cost
1	D	Davis-Ramoth K-12 School Systems Renewal– Renewal of building systems that have reached the end of useful life and functionality to include HVAC, DDC, fire protection system, and code upgrades.	X	\$9,600,000
2	D	Districtwide Fire System Repair and Replacement – JNES, Noorvik, Buckland , Ambler and Shungnak require replacement. Parts are no longer available for repairs and the code has changed to require new systems with voice annunciation.	X	6,000,000
3	C	June Nelson Elementary School Roof Replacement- Replacement of failing roof, 20 years past its useful life. The school is experiencing frequent roof leaks that damage interior finishes and contribute to potential mold and structure damage and interfere with instruction.	X	3,500,000
4	B	Deering K-12 Replacement School – new school on new site to replace overcrowded and worn-out facility. The existing site is not large enough to accommodate an addition without removal of the playground and relocating teacher housing off-site. In addition, many building components are beyond their use expectancy.	X	\$43,600,000
Funded by Northwest Arctic Borough and Denali Commission Grant	C	Buckland HVAC Upgrade – District is utilizing Borough and Denali Commission funds to upgrade the outdated Buckland HVAC system and DDC controls and replace old boilers.	X	2,500,000
5	C	Districtwide DDC Controls – New DDC systems are needed throughout the District to maintain and control heat. This will reduce operating and maintenance costs while improving the interior environment for students and staff. DDC for Buckland, Selawik and Deering are included in their respective applications.	X	9,000,000
FY 2025 TOTAL				\$74,200,000

	Primary Purpose	Project Title & Description	SOA Aid	Estimated Project Cost
		Projects not funded in FY 25 – It is anticipated resources will not be available to fund all requirements. They will take priority for FY 26.	X	Balance of FY 25 requests
6	C	Buckland K-12 School Exterior Envelope Renewal- replacement of roofing, doors and windows at the end of their useful life.	X	\$3,000,000
FY 2026 TOTAL				\$3,000,000 +

District Priority	Primary Purpose	Project Title & Description	SOA Aid	Estimated Project Cost
		Projects not funded in previous years – It is anticipated resources will not be available to fund all requested requirements. They will take priority for FY 27.	X	Balance of FY 26 requests
7	C	Noorvik K-12 School Roof Replacement - Replacement of roof which reached the end of its useful life in 2022.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$3,500,000
FY 2027 TOTAL				\$3,500,000 +


District Priority	Primary Purpose	Project Title & Description	SOA Aid	Estimated Project Cost
		Projects not funded in previous years – It is anticipated resources will not be available to fund all requested requirements. They will take priority for FY 28.	X	Balance of FY 27 requests
8	C	Noorvik K12 School HVAC Controls – upgrade HVAC controls for Noorvik School which reached the end of their useful life in 2022.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1,500,000
FY 2028 TOTAL				\$1,500,000 +

District Priority	Primary Purpose	Project Title & Description	SOA Aid	Estimated Project Cost
		Projects not funded in previous years – It is anticipated resources will not be available to fund all requested requirements. They will take priority for FY 29.	X	Balance of FY 28 requests
9	C	June Nelson Elementary School Renewal- to replace building components at the end of useful life.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$7,500,000
FY 2029 TOTAL				\$7,500,000 +

District Priority	Primary Purpose	Project Title & Description	SOA Aid	Estimated Project Cost
		Projects not funded in previous years – It is anticipated resources will not be available to fund all requested requirements. They will take priority for FY 30.	X	Balance of FY 29 requests
10	C	Kiana K-12 School Renewal – Renewal of Kiana K-12 School to replace building components at the end of useful life.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$5,500,000

FY 2030 TOTAL \$5,500,000+

Adopted June 6, 2023, at a duly convened meeting of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District at which a quorum was present and voting. I hereby certify that the information presented is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



 Superintendent

8/21/23

 Date

DocuSigned by:


 School Board President

8/22/2023

 Date

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: March 8, 2024

NUMBER: 24-097

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Budget and
Contract Award Deering
Replacement School

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required to expend \$50,000.00 and higher.

ISSUE:

At issue is board approval to increase the budget for the planning and design of the Deering Replacement School and approval of the award of a contract to Burkhart Croft Architects in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Deering K-12 Replacement School is ranked #5 on DEED's School Construction list. The project total is \$46,255,576 with \$9,251,115 as local share. This project is not included in the Governor's budget, and it is not expected to be funded in FY 25. However, it is important that this project improve its ranking for FY 26 consideration.

There are two significant infrastructure projects in planning and design for the community of Deering. Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) is seeking FY25 funding to build a new road between the airport and the community. Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is in the design phase for replacement and extension of the water and sewer systems within Deering.

Both of these projects impact the school project both physically as well as in timing of their construction. The selected site of the new school is off the yet to be built DOT road. The new school site will need utility services extended to it in order to serve the school. District Capital Projects Managers have been coordinating with these two projects for the last two years. We are now to the point that we need to confirm the selected site is a good site to build the 50-year school upon. The community approved this site last April. School site utilities, driveway access and overall site planning and design need to be completed to continue coordination with the DOT and ANTHC projects.

In addition, DEED does not pay for work off the school site such as utility extensions. Therefore, we need to design these extensions, in coordination with the ANTHC project, and then seek funding other than DEED funding to get them constructed.

Close coordination is required with both projects as the school requires road access and utilities. DOT's road project is planned to get FY25 funding, start construction in Fall 2025 and be completed in Fall 2027. The earliest ANTHC's water and sewer project would be under construction is 2025, but it will likely be 2026.

The District will continue to utilize the Burkhart Croft Architects and their engineers as the design team of record for the project. BCA was selected for this work under a competitive term contract procurement.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the allocation of \$175,000 to the Deering Replacement School Project and the delegation of authority to the Superintendent to contract with Burkhart Croft Architects, as presented.
2. Disapprove the allocation of \$175,000 to the Deering Replacement School Project and the delegation of authority to the Superintendent to contract with Burkhart Croft Architects, as presented.
3. Take no final action.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the allocation of \$175,000 to the Deering Replacement School Project and the delegation of authority to the Superintendent to contract with Burkhart Croft Architects, as presented.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: March 8, 2024

NUMBER: 24-098

FROM: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Award of Contract Davis-
Ramoith School Fire Alarm
Replacement and
Delegation of Contracting
Authority

ABSTRACT

Award of contract for emergency replacement of Davis-Ramoith fire alarm system.

ISSUE

At issue is approval of contract for the emergency replacement of the fire alarm system and any associated work as required by the State Fire Marshal at Selawik School and delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent for this work.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION

At the January meeting Board Memorandum 24-085 approved emergency procurement procedures for the replacement of the failed Selawik fire alarm system and delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent. The District coordinated with the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) and achieved approval for a shortened bid period.

RSA Engineering, Inc. prepared the technical specifications for the work. The District advertised the project for 14 days. The bid opening will occur March 8 at 11:00. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder will be announced following the bid opening. This information will be provided to the Board prior to the Board meeting. Although the Board has already approved the delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent at the January meeting, because this is an unusual and unexpected situation the Superintendent wants to keep the Board fully informed and provide the opportunity for Board input regarding the award of contract.

The cost of panel replacement is anticipated to be between \$650,000 to \$700,000. The actual cost of the work will be determined at bid opening. The District does not have the funding available. However, the District is following all DEED procedures so that the costs will be eligible for reimbursement at some point in the future under a DEED major maintenance grant. District is actively seeking funding from the Borough and the contract will not be awarded until funding is secured.

An update of this memorandum, recommending the award to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, will be provided prior to the March 8 Board meeting.

It is critical that the District be able to quickly procure, award and perform this fire alarm system replacement to remedy this safety issue at the school. To do so, the Superintendent requires a delegation of contracting authority to award the contract and approve changes to the contract once funding is identified.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the award of contract to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder as identified

following bid opening and funding is secured, and approve delegation of authority to the Superintendent to award the contract for construction as presented;

2. Do not approve the award of contract to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder as identified following bid opening, and do not approve delegation of authority to the Superintendent to award the contract for construction, as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends that the Board approve the award of contract to replace the Selawik fire alarm system to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder as identified following bid opening and funding availability; and to approve a delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent, as presented.