



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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DATE: March 3, 2021

SUBJECT: Contract Over \$10K- DJZ, LLC -Revision Memo No. SB21-140
Action Item

2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

1.0 STUDENT SUCCESS: All students will reach their intellectual potential and achieve academic success through integrating Inupiaq knowledge systems into the core content areas and focusing on the development of the Whole Child.

4.0 FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL STEWARDSHIP: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.

4.2 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP/MANAGEMENT: Ensure financial management based on what is best for our students.

Issue Summary:

In accordance with applicable Board Policy 3312, contracts and MOA's \$10,000 or greater require Board approval.

During the May 7, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, the BOE approved and authorized the School District through board memo SB20-213 to enter into a MOA with a not to exceed amount of \$140,000 with DJZ, LLC for FY21 to provide speech and language services to the School District. The initial MOA provided for \$7,000.00 for travel related expenditures and \$133,000.00 for professional and technical services. The MOA prescribed a daily rate of \$700 for up to 190 days (up to 170 days based on the Board-approved district calendar for FY21 school year. If needed, based on student enrollment, up to 20 days; ten (10) August 2020 and ten (10) in May/June 2021, for ESY program).

Due to COVID-19 extended remote service delivery and confidentiality concerns, small group sessions were not provided. One-to-one sessions were scheduled for all students resulting in increased service time and corresponding paperwork. In addition, Mr. Zanoft worked remotely when off Slope to ensure student's service requirements were fulfilled.

As a result, the School District in collaboration with DJZ, LLC is proposing modifications to the initial MOA which will provide an overall increased cost of \$3,500.00 to a new not to exceed

amount of \$143,500.00. The MOA amendments include the increase of 10 days (\$7,000.00) to a total of 200 days and a reduction in travel services of \$3,500.00.

Background:

Donald Zanoﬀ of DJZ, LLC has provided speech and language services to NSBSD students for many years. Mr. Zanoﬀ has a historical knowledge and in-depth perspective for language development within the local culture. Mr. Zanoﬀ strives to support NSBSD in meeting, or exceeding, state and federal laws as it relates to speech language special education services.

Mr. Zanoﬀ provides Speech services as federally mandated service under the Individuals with Disabilities Act for 5 NSBSD sites. He administers and completes initial speech evaluations, re-evaluations, or file reviews for student(s) with speech/language concerns or needs. Historically, he provides on-site or distance 1:1 or small groups sessions and attend federally mandated meetings.

Length of Contract: The length of the contact will remain as previously agreed upon (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021). However, the amended MOA will provide an additional 10 days of services within those contract days.

Funding Source and Contract Amount:

The 10 additional days and reduction in travel will increase the original MOA by \$3,500.00. The increase will be grant funded through 285 (VI-B Special Education).

Grand Funding:

Funding will be reimbursed through Account Code 285.200.220.000.410, Special Education grant (VI-B),

Available Budget:

The Special Education VI-B grant Account code 285.200.220.000.410 has \$43,650.43 of unencumbered funds for professional and technical.

Compliance with BP 3311:

Not applicable as this is an amendment to an existing MOA. The proposed changes do not exceed the limits as stipulated in BP 3311 which may warrant solicitation of three bids.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the amendments to the MOA with DJZ, LLC with a not to exceed amount of \$143,500.00 as described in this memo.”

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____