



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

**Unapproved Minutes  
Regular School Board Meeting  
March 31, 2017  
2:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Board President Qaiyaan Harcharek called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:38pm at the NSBSD Archie Brower Conference Room in Utqiagvik, Alaska.

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** Madeline Hickman, School Board Member, provided the Words of Wisdom for the Board. The Board welcomed Madeline into her new role.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Debby Edwardson – present  
Roxanne Brower – present  
Qaiyaan Harcharek – present  
Madeline Hikcman - present

Eva Kinneeveauk – present  
Heidi Ahsoak- present  
Nora Jane Burns-present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** President Qaiyaan Harcharek presented the Agenda for approval.

Heidi Ahsoak MOVED to APPROVE the agenda. Nora Jane Burns SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** President Qaiyaan Harcharek presented the Consent Agenda. Items included: Approval of Minutes for March 7, 2017, Approval of Minutes for March 16, 2017, Resignations, Contracts Over 10k, and 2017-2018 School Calendar Adoptions.

Resignations: The Board approved and accepted under the Consent Agenda, the resignations from the following employees: Wiliam Campbell, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Science/History, Kali School, Effective Date May 14, 2017; Emily Crick, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Science, Alak School, Effective Date May 14, 2017; Charles Gifford, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Nunamiut School, Effective Date May 18, 2017; Teresa Gifford, Early Childhood Education, Nunamiut School, Effective Date May 18, 2017; Angela Gilmour, Early Childhood Education, Effective Date May 14, 2017; Joshua Hinds, Assistant Principal, Eben Hopson Middle School, End of Contract; Lilianne Hurrell, Secondary SPED, Alak School, Effective Date May 14, 2017; Christi Igou, Kindergarten, Fred Ipalook Elementary School, Effective Date May 14, 2017; Clayton Miller, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tikigak School, May 14, 2017; Monica Miller, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tikigaq School, Effective Date May 14, 2017; Michael Price, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies, Barrow High School, Effective Date May 14, 2017; Qinugan Roddy, Inupiaq Language Teacher, Fred Ipalook Elementary School, Effective Date May 14, 2017; Allan Stockton, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies, Barrow High School & Robbin Stockton, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Barrow High School, Effective Date May 14, 2017; Steve Tyree, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, Barrow High School, Effective Date May 14, 2017; and Tonia Wells, Special Education, Meade River School, Effective Date May 14, 2017.

The administration recommended the following contracts over \$10,000 for approval:

1. Jalbert Edu. Consulting – Provide consultation services for reading, writing and math for grades PreK-12, to include setting up classrooms, demonstration lessons, just-in-time training, assessment, data analysis and instructional response, interventions, and progress monitoring.

Curriculum and Instruction 100.200.350.000.410 \$56,000.00

2. Niedermeyer Services Inc. – Assistance with audit preparation to ensure a timely completion of the FY17 annual financial audit scheduled July 24,-28 2017. Work will start April 2017 and end up issuance of FY17 Financial Statements (estimated Sept 2017).

Business office 100.200.550.000.410 (estimated) \$20,000.00

3.GCSIT Solutions. – E-Rate Category 2 network hardware for Quintillion fiber optic deployment.

Info Tech 100.200.355.000.410 \$131,628.00

The following are for services provided in FY18.

4. McTighe & Associates Consulting, LLC – Provide professional development services.

Curriculum and Instruction \$13,000

5. Niyemeyer Services Inc. – As noted above # 2 this contract will cross over fiscal years.

The administration recommended the Board adopt the FY18 school calendars as proposed by each site’s School Advisory Council.

School	1st day for teachers	1st day for students	Winter Break	Spring Break	Last day for students	Last day for teachers
Nunamiut	8/7	8/9	12/21 - 1/2	None	5/8	5/9
Meade River	8/7	8/9	12/18 - 1/5	None	5/10	5/11
Utqiagvik Schools	8/7	8/10	12/18 - 1/2	4/13	5/11	5/12
Nuiqsut Trapper	8/7	8/10	12/14 - 1/5	3/12 – 3/15	5/22	5/23
Tikigaq	8/7	8/9	12/15 – 1/2	3/14 – 3/16	5/11	5/12
Kali	8/7	8/10	12/18 – 1/2	None	5/11	5/12
Alak	8/8	8/10	12/18 - 1/2	None	5/11	5/12
Harold Kaveolook	8/7	8/10	12/14 - 1/2	None	5/10	5/11

Roxanne Brower MOVED to APPROVE the Consent Agenda. Debby Edwardson SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** There were community members, staff members, Ilisagvik staff, and directors present at the Board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS: NEW SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT:** Peggy Cowan, Chief Executive Officer presented the New Superintendent Contract.

The Alaska Council of School Administrators (ACSA) administration asked that our Board place this as an agenda item for the March 31 School Board meeting as part of the final phase of the Superintendent search. According to Board Policy, the Superintendent is hired by the School Board. The North Slope Borough School District Board of Education appointed Stewart McDonald as the new Superintendent effective July 1, 2017.

Roxanne Brower MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education APPROVE Stewart McDonald as the new Superintendent effective July 1, 2017. Heidi Ahsoak SECONDED. QUESTION CALLED. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** Board Member Roxanne Brower recognized students who were nominated for their accomplishments and dedication. The Board announced the recognition at this meeting.

**SPIRIT OF THE YOUTH ALASKA:** Three North Slope students were recognized for being nominated for the Spirit of the Youth award: Joseph Ivanoff, Frederick Kanayurak, and Jensya Ahmaogak. Joseph Ivanoff and Frederick Kanayurak from Meade River School were recognized for being nominated for their efforts in creating the anti-bullying campaign called TAVRA. Jensya Ahmaogak from Alak School was recognized for being nominated for displaying her cultural values which included, being part of a dance group, making cultural clothing, and encouraging others to value their native cultures.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

#### **REPORTS:**

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Peggy Cowan, Chief Executive Officer presented the Superintendent Report. On April 4th Harold Kaveolook School had their gym dedication. The NSB Assembly had their meeting at that time.

Lisa Murkowski traveled to the North Slope and visited Atqasuk and asked to have an event at Meade River April 18<sup>th</sup>. Senator Murkowski was the first Alaskan ever to sit on the education committee. She is a huge advocate for rural education. She wanted a community meeting at the school and to hear from the students. Heidi Ahsoak attended the event.

There was a water outage at Nuiqsut Trapper School. The lines were fine but the water lines to get to the school are frozen and they still have not gotten a designated time to open. They have missed a week of school. The principal's concern was that the longer they push school into the summer the harder it will be to have students attending. They are going to move forward to find a solution.

Heidi Ahsoak asked for state regulation with honey buckets? Peggy responded that they would meet the requirements and that they need to get students back to school.

**SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT:** Peggy Cowan, Chief Executive Officer presented the School Board Retreat memo.

In years past the Strategic Plan was added to the agenda for the School Board Retreat. Traditionally, the Board has done a board self-evaluation and professional development. The Board self-evaluation is recommended by Association of Alaska School Boards. Peggy asked for board direction for an agenda. This will be provided at the May work session.

Peggy worked closely with the consultants for the Strategic Plan in years past. One of the good things is that a lot of principals and staff have provided input for the Strategic Plan.

Peggy Cowan stated that we will bring a new budget in May. She hopes the new budget will include the money from the North Slope Borough and by the legislature to create a balanced budget. We will not know until mid-April or even later how the state funding will look.

The Board agreed to have their retreat at Chena Hot Springs.

**STATUS OF HIRING VACANCIES:** Robyn Joksic presented the Recruitment Update. At the January Board Meeting the Board approved the administration’s request to allow the Recruitment Taskforce the authority to offer teacher contracts at job fairs with the approval of the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent after the completion of an interview and upon receipt and review of a background check, reference checks and letters of recommendation.

**Positions:**

Hiring Status Comparison

2017-2018 as of March 22, 2017 Total Vacancies (filled and unfilled): 74 Filled: 32 (5 LOI’s pending) Resignations: 46 Transfers: 10 Previously Vacated: 10 Emp. Not offered contracts: 6 Not Filling: 1 New Position: 2	2017-2018 as of March 6, 2017 Total Vacancies (filled and unfilled): 66 Filled: 14 (2 LOI’s pending) Resignations: 42 Transfers: 9 Previously Vacated: 10 Emp. Not offered contracts: 6 Not Filling: 1 New Position: 1
2016-2017 as of April 1, 2016 Total Vacancies: 52 positions Vacancies: 23 Filled: 25; Resignations: 42; Transfers: 4 # of new positions, or previously vacant: 14; Positions Eliminated: 4;	

**Current vacancies per site Overall:**

Central Office	4
Ipalook Elementary	5
Hopson Middle School	3

Barrow High School	1
Kiita Learning Community	1
Nunamiut School	4
Tikigaq School	8
Nuiqsut Trapper	0
Kali School	4
Alak School	8
Harold Kaveolook	2
Meade River School	1

**Job Fairs:**

Criteria when selecting job fairs:

Have they been successful in the past, economic climate, weather (does it snow? can they acclimate?) and an Indigenous background

Upcoming Job Fairs:

	Northern Illinois University	DeKalb, IL
	Northeastern Illinois University	Chicago, IL
	South Dakota State Wide	Sioux Falls, SD
March 9-10, 2017	Teacher Fair 2017	Laramie, WY
March 15, 2017	Washington Educator Fair	Spokane, WA
March 16-18, 2017	Anchorage ATP Job Fair	Anchorage, AK
March 22, 2017	Utah Statewide Teacher Fair – North	Logan, UT
March 23, 2017	Utah Statewide Teacher Fair – South	Provo, UT
April 3, 2017	Penn State Educator Fair	State College, PA
April 5, 2017	Philadelphia State wide Job Fair	Philadelphia, PA
April 3-4, 2017	Buffalo Teacher Recruitment Days	Buffalo, NY
April 5, 2017	Rochester Teacher Recruitment Days	Rochester, NY
April 6-7, 2017	Cortland Teacher Recruitment Days	Cortland, NY
April 4, 2017	Oregon Professional Job Fair	Portland, OR
April 5, 2017	Portland ATP Job Fair	Portland, OR
April 21, 2017	Minnesota Ed Job Fair	Minneapolis, MN
April 22, 2017	Minnesota ATP Job Fair	Minneapolis, MN
April 24, 2017	New Mexico State University Ed. Fair	Las Cruces, NM
April 26, 2017	Univ. of New Mexico Ed. Fair	Albuquerque, NM

The status of hiring: We have 36 positions filled; 4 pending; and 40 unfilled. April 1, 2017 was the last day for teachers to submit resignations. More information will be provided at a later time to show how many Letters of Intent (LOI's) we have offered. The exit surveys that were sent out resulted in receiving 26 back. 12 people have declined the exit survey. An electronic version was created. 40 positions need to be filled and that includes positions of people who transferred and positions that were not filled last year but were filled by subs. This also includes new positions.

**NEW HIRE RECOMMENDATIONS:** Robyn Joksic, Human Resources and Benefits Manager presented the New Hire Recommendations. The following were recommended for the 2017-2018 School Year: Garrett Armstrong, Language Arts/Social Studies, Kali School; Steve Bridwell, Language Arts, Nunamiut School;

Yvette Cross, Special Education, Tikigaq School; Janet Crowder, Elementary Teacher, Fred Ipalook Elementary School; Lydsi Hersey, Science, Barrow High School; Brian Krosschell, Math/Science Specialist, Central Office; David Lindquist, Vocational Education & Nona Lindquist, Special Education, Barrow High School; Meri Miller, Business Education/CTE, Barrow High School; Sonja Mills, Special Education, Eben Hopson Middle School; Brock Nuckles, Elementary Teacher, Tikigaq School; Daniel Sebastien, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Eben Hopson Middle School; and Donna Westdahl, Elementary Teacher, Meade River School.

**MONTHLY FINANCIALS:** Peggy Cowan, Chief Executive Officer presented the Monthly Financial Report. The following information is in the report: Approximately 57% of the budget has been expended, while 67% (8 of 12 months) of the year has passed. Revenues received as of February 2017 were at 70% of budget.

Cash in the general checking account as of February 28th was \$21,116,762 while there was \$1,620,726 in the Investment Trust Account, for a total of \$22,737,488.

Heidi Ahsoak MOVED to APPROVE the February 31, 2017 monthly financial report. Debby Edwardson SECONDED. QUESTION CALLED. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION 17-06, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 9-15, 2017:** Peggy Cowan, Chief Executive Officer presented the memo and Resolution. The North Slope Borough School District is encouraged to participate in the National Library Week. The American Library Association encourages school districts to celebrate and participate in National Library Week activities and recognize Librarians and library programs during the week of April 9-15, 2017. The North Slope Borough School District has Library Paraprofessionals and Library Technicians located at the following sites: Nunamiut School, Matt Regan and Katie Fry; Alak School, Cindy Ahmaogak; Barrow High School, Susan Dunbar; Fred Ipalook Elementary School, Veronica Gandia; Meade River School, Vera Gunderson; Hopson Middle School, Patricia Henrie; Harold Kaveolook School, Evan Hinton; Kali School, Christine Lampe; Tikigaq School, Molly Lane and Eviqsiq Sears. The district has a strong partnership with Ilisaġvik College in providing library resources to both schools and communities. It is fitting that the district celebrates the partnership and the benefit of libraries to our students and citizens through celebrating National Library Week.

Debby Edwardson MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education ADOPT Resolution 17-06. A Resolution Supporting National Library Week from April 9-15, 2017. Roxanne Brower SECONDED. QUESTION CALLED. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION 17-07 DISTRICT STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK, MAY 1-5, 2017:** Peggy Cowan, Chief Executive Officer presented the memo and Resolution. A strong and caring principal, assistant principal, teachers and qualified staff are essential to quality education and such a staff will continue to thrive with high expectations. Our staff members in our schools really do make a difference in the lives of so many children. For more than twenty years, the first week in May has been designated as the time to show appreciation for this life changing work.

Heidi Ahsoak MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education ADOPT Resolution 17-07, A Resolution recognizing district staff. Nora Jane Burns SECONDED. QUESTION CALLED. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION 17-08 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 10 AND SENATE BILL 75:** Peggy Cowan, Chief Executive Officer presented the memo and Resolution. The bill for an Act entitled “An Act relating to instruction in a language other than English; and relating to limited teacher certificates” is before the legislature. The North Slope Borough School District has had the goal of increasing the cadre of Iñupiaq language immersion teachers as part of its Strategic Plan for many years. This resolution supports the passage of HB 102 and SB 75 which is the Senate companion of the proposed legislation, that would offer additional options for developing Alaska Native language immersion programs and training Alaska Native language teachers.

Roxanne Brower MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education ADOPT Resolution 17-08, A Resolution Supporting House Bill 102 and Senate Bill 75. Heidi Ahsoak SECONDED. DISCUSSION. QUESTION CALLED. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Qaiyaan Harcharek asked that district staff share this Resolution with Senator Donny Olson and Representative Dean Westlake.

**ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA SCHOOL BOARDS SPRING ACADEMY FLY-IN:** Peggy Cowan, Chief Executive Officer presented the memo. The Board has budgeted for two members of the Board to attend the Alaska Association of School Boards’ Spring Academy and Legislative Fly-in. The Board will need to appoint these members to take part in the four-day Fly-in. AASB will discuss issues influencing education in 2017, learn more about what is happening at the department of education, meet with legislators and other decision makers, be reminded of the importance of equity for all, be an active participant in helping all students feel safe and secure in schools, and show that the unity of Alaska’s School Boards can lead positive change.

The 2017 AASB Spring Academy and Legislative Fly-in will be held in Juneau, Alaska from April 1-4, 2017. The two Board members that were appointed to the Legislative Committee are Debby Edwardson and Eva Kinneeveauk with Qaiyaan Harcharek as the Alternate. In June 2017 Debby Edwardson and Eva Kinneeveauk will meet with the Board of Education in Juneau. Roxanne Brower and Nora Jane Burns will be attending the Portland Job Fairs and will be unavailable. Heidi Ahsoak is available to attend the Legislative Fly-in if allowed.

Debby Edwardson MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education APPOINT Roxanne Brower to go to Juneau and offered to be an alternate. Heidi Ahsoak SECONDED. QUESTION CALLED. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADOPTION MATERIALS 6161.1:** Liz Noble, Director of Curriculum and Instruction presented the memo. The North Slope Borough School District follows an adoption cycle for content areas to ensure materials are reviewed once every 6 years to maintain updated resources for students and staff as per 4 AAC 05.080.

School Board approved budget for materials not to exceed \$523,000. As per Board Policy 6161.1 Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials; teachers, parents/guardians, administrators and community members from 11 sites had an opportunity to provide feedback and input on materials presented.

Debby Edwardson MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education ACCEPT recommendation for adoption for textbook materials. Eva Kinneeveauk SECONDED. DISCUSSION. QUESTION CALLED. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Eva Kinneveauk requested a spreadsheet to the cycles.

**POINT HOPE 2A BASKETBALL RECOMMENDATION:** Peggy Cowan presented the memo. Tikigaq has been playing up in the 2A Basketball ASAA competitive category for many years. They have even been 2A State Champions. This year the Harpooner Boys won 4th Place and the Girls won 3rd Place. Both teams won their final games coming from behind in the 4th quarter. Tikigaq is highly competitive at the 2A Basketball category. The Point Hope coaches and staff have developed an outstanding basketball program. They have proven to be competitors at the 2A level by winning Regionals multiple years in a row and making it to State. During the 2018/2019 school year the projected enrollment, based on the current rate of growth at Tikigaq, will be 65 students and this projected enrollment is within the 2A enrollment level. It is also anticipated that during the next re-alignment that Tikigaq School would have the enrollment qualifying for a 2A School based on current ASAA policies and projected enrollment. The reason ASAA is scheduling Tikigaq to move back down to 1A is because of their high school population. 2A high schools need to have between 61 and 150 high school students. Tikigaq only has 55 high school students. Some schools with high school populations less than 61 are able to petition ASAA to move up to 2A. High schools with more than 61 students cannot move down to 1A. To move a 1A Basketball team up to 2A will cost the District about \$234K more than leaving that team in 1A. The Tikigaq high school basketball teams' 2A costs have been included in the NSBSD FY18 Budget. Administration recommended that the Board consider approving Tikigaq's request to move back into the 2A Basketball Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) competitive category.

Debby Edwardson MOVED that the NSBSD Administration write a letter to ASAA requesting Tikigaq remain at 2A level for basketball. Roxanne Brower SECONDED. DISCUSSION. QUESTION CALLED. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Nora Jane Burns stated that Anaktuvuk Pass will be requesting the same.

Roxanne Brower stated that we need a strong person to advocate and communicate with ASAA. She feels like we are being placed at a lower level.

Qaiyaan Harcharek suggested writing up a joint resolution with ASRC.

Debby Edwardson stated there are ways to approach it and the way it is right now is not fair.

**RESIDENTIAL LEARNING CENTER LOCATION:** Mark Roseberry presented the memo. Present at the meeting to discuss the Residential Learning Center (RLC) Location were Jerry Covey, a consultant hired by the North Slope Borough (NSB) from inception of this project; Pearl Brower, Ilisagvik President; and Teresa Bowen Deputy Director of CIPM. In April 2015, the North Slope Borough School District Project Review Committee (PRC) reviewed possible sites for housing students during the stay in Barrow for the RLC intensive term and there were over 10 sites considered. During that meeting, the PRC chose a location for the residential facility near Barrow High School and presented this to the NSBSD Board. That location was recommended to the NSB Assembly and the RLC project moved forward. In December 2015, the North Slope Borough School district first completed the Residential State Application. In that application, the approved site was shared with the state as the location for building a future residential facility. At that time, the Board shared concerns about the cost of building a new facility, about the current economic conditions in Alaska, and concerns of adding infrastructure in the North Slope Borough. In the Fall of 2015, Shell had decided to pull out of their off-shore project and this opened up additional commercial buildings in Barrow. In Fall 2016, ASRC approached the NSBSD with a proposal to look at re-purposing a hotel building located



in the center of Barrow. They later offered to let the NSBSD lease the building for 30 years at a cost of \$1 per year in addition to construction costs necessary to bring the building to code for housing students under the age of 18. In October 2016, the school was presented with a change order option to continue receiving funds from the North Slope Borough to move the RLC project forward. At that time, the NSBD board was informed that the administration was pursuing the use of the old Top of the World Hotel as a residential facility. The board was informed that more information about this alternative housing arrangement would be available at a future board meeting. In November 2016, the NSBSD Superintendent directed the RLC Coordinator to go through the process with the M & O director and NSB CIPM to get a Project Analysis Report (PAR) completed on the old Top of the World Hotel (TOWH). That report was completed in February 2017 and confirmed that the Old TOW was a viable housing option. In January 2017, the NSB called a tri-lateral meeting with NSB, NSBSD and Iliasgvik to discuss the RLC project. At the end of the meeting, after all of the support and concerns were heard, the three entities decided to form a Leadership committee made up of six people; NSB Mayor, Assembly President, NSBSD superintendent, NSBSD board President, Iliasgvik President, Iliasgvik Board President, Mark Roseberry and Jerry Covey. This team was tasked with discussing concerns and recommending steps to move the RLC project forward. On March 21, 2017, the RLC Leadership Committee met to discuss the relative merits of the old TOWH and Iliasgvik College Dorm for housing students attending the RLC. The committee discussed concerns and benefits of each option and agreed to take the options to the NSBSD Board to make a final selection. Mark Roseberry stated that there are two options for housing, the old Top of the World Hotel and the current Iliasgvik dorm.

Pearl Brower stated that at their most recent board meeting since the beginning Iliasgvik always contended they would like an opportunity to have a bigger footprint, and that they want to provide opportunities for our students. They want to create opportunities for students after high school. It makes sense to the Board of Trustees to create this program. They want to take this opportunity to house these students on campus. To do this together would be important. There has been a lot of different conversation whether or not the School Board is interested in having it at Iliasgvik. At this point, the Mayor said that the District needs to make a decision.

Mark Roseberry stated that there has been a PAR for the Top of the World renovation costs and that the TOW could be ready for occupancy by the Winter 2018. The location is close to the classrooms in partnership. The lease with ASRC would be for at least 10 years. The cost of the lease would be \$1 per year between ASRC and the North Slope Borough.

Heidi Ahsoak stated that there is a lot to be determined. She asked because they still need to meet with Iliasgvik. They have answers for TOW but questions to be determined for Iliasgvik. Is that dependent on meetings or what are we waiting for?

Mark Roseberry stated that if the Board decided to go with Iliasgvik we would have to put funding together to do another PAR to look at all those renovation costs that would be required for occupancy by high school students.

Heidi would like to know this information before needing to make this decision. How are we to make a decision with a lot of TBD.

Pearl Brower indicated that this is the first time she has seen this document. She indicated that they do not have a full dorm at this time. NSB is ready to pay for the PAR.

Debby Edwardson asked if we are going to do renovation, are we absolutely required to for Ilisagvik College? How many students are we talking about bringing in at a time? Do we need to renovate? Is it necessary to renovate? I do not think TOW would need an incredible amount of work. The goal is to get it going by next year. I was shocked that we were going to spend 3 million or 2.5 to renovate the TOW. There is nothing to stop us from making the decision. That is not something we can put in place long-term. ASRC was going to renovate. She thinks if we're going to look ahead and make this stellar we need to work together as educational organizations. She favors working with the college on this. It's more than just job training. There's vocational careers you don't have to go to college for. The College is already doing that. She said that she was just thinking may there is was a way to make this happen next fall without putting a lot of money into it. I've been thinking about when we toured the facility in Nome. They really have a wonderful residential learning center there. It is way out of town.

Roxanne Brower stated that she sees your advantages but not the disadvantages. If we're going to have an RLC I do not want to put my 16, 17, 18 year-old girls with adults. Young adults have problems here on the Slope. Mark Roseberry responded that there are strict requirements that we have to follow. The current configuration that we need to follow is that for every 6 students you need 1 bathroom. The bathroom has 2 stalls. We also need 2 sets of house parents. We need at least one male and one female including the aides. Mark stated that we have to have it where adults and minors don't mix. One item of the license for the dorm is that they would have to license the whole facility because it is all connected. Background checks would be required on all adults. Anyone coming into that facility would also have to pass a background check.

Mark Roseberry stated that we would be bringing in kids every month for 900 hours for a two-week session. Initially we would start with 15 students and look at expanding that.

Teresa Bowen stated she came here to talk about the Capital Improvement funding. She was solely here to talk about the rules and obligation funds. CIP from the borough is used to renovate needs long term for at least 10 years. Borough general obligation funds used on a premises needs a long term interest lease. As far as CIPM is concerned we will take that direction and go with it. The Negotiated agreement is with ASRC. A concern is ASRC is giving 20-year lease and we have no negotiated agreement with UIC.

Pearl Brower stated that she would like to have a list of requirements for the dorm.

Jerry Covey stated that the issue is strictly around housing. The regulatory requirements of the state are significant. This was all explored for the Mayor's Office. It all comes back to a decision by the School Board regarding which way to go with this. One of the issues is that if you choose to house students with adults there are regulatory requirements with the state of Alaska. It comes down to, where do you want to house the students. If it is not your decision, we all would benefit from your guidance on which way you would like to go. Signal the direction of the way this needs to go.

Pearl Brower stated that in particular to Board Member Brower's comment, she would like to have a chance to have a look at the regulations. IC has run a summer program for a number of years now and they always have been mixed age range. We have never once had a problem. We would like a meeting with the NSB Mayor's Office.

Eva Kinneveauk stated that she can recall when they had that meeting with the NSB and the committee and collaborated to try to work it out and that was her understanding that it had already happened. She questioned why we are not interested in working with Ilisagvik? We still would have to have a bus from the hotel to shuttle them to Ilisagvik and use 2.5 million in renovations. She stated that she was still trying to

digest all this and really wants this RLC, but it seems like we are trying to reinvent the wheel with funds being tight. She said that “Yes, we need it get it up and running but we keep running into roadblocks”.

Peggy Cowan stated she has not been here, but that this was the administration recommendation. We do have an application that’s been approved by the Department of Education. We have TOW approved and the PAR is completed. We would be able to start school during the winter, 2018. Do proceed with the TOW we need to make a commitment for at least a 10-year lease.

Nora Jane Burns stated that her oldest daughter went to a summer school program and she went maybe 2 3 summers and went to college and it benefited her. New Par is needed in order for Ilisagvik to get the land for a new facility.

Pearl Brower stated for Board member Kinneeveauk that the 3 million in CIP could be earmarked for education dollars. She asked the Board that she be given the chance to look at the requirements. A PAR is required to start the process of getting a new campus.

Qaiyaan Harcharek stated that originally the idea got brought to the Board from a past administration. It was an imposition on us. We didn’t once say we didn’t want to work with Ilisagvik. A lot of that conversation concerned wanting Ilisagvik to spearhead it. He likes the idea of giving Ilisagvik the opportunity.

Debby Edwardson stated that they had a really good meeting in January and we came out of that meeting ready to go together. And we assigned a group to work on it and we should not be getting a situation where Ilisagvik is seeing this information for the first time. It’s all about communication. Do we have time to look at these issues?

Peggy Cowan talked about the PAR, and wondered if we would lose the state application for opening in the winter of 2018. She stated that we are required to follow the state regulations. The programs will be shared. If it will be an RLC that is part of the school district it has to follow the state regulations. We will have to renovate whether its Top of the World or the Ilisagvik College.

Debby Edwardson asked if we have three weeks to a little closer look? It would be longer than three weeks.

Jerry Covey stated that’s where the Board currently resides. The District has been approved by the state. If they recycle without a program that creates greater jeopardy in getting funding through the legislature. The chances of approval go down because of the additional funding.

Qaiyaan Harcharek stated that they didn’t include it in the governor’s budget and asked why do we have to resubmit a supplemental request?

Jerry Cove stated that the greatest challenge is that if it doesn’t get funded than you would have to restart the process and resubmit the application.

Mark Roseberry stated that the state is a small portion. What is the lease going to be at Ilisagvik?

Qaiyaan Harcharek stated that since the joint meeting and the plan that came out of the 3 organizations working together did not happen. It’s coming from the Mayor’s Office and we thought we remedied.

Heidi Ahsoak stated that we met in January we decided that we were going to work together. Since then we have met as a team. Dr. Brower requested information and since then she has not received it.

Mark Roseberry stated that we brought forth the information and went through the process.

Debby Edwardson stated that they do want to see this happen. We made a charge 4 months ago. When in May would you have to have this together to finish your application?

Debby Edwardson MOVED that the NSBD Board of Education table the Residential Learning Center Location discussion pending further information until our May meeting. Heidi Ahsoak SECONDED. QUESTION CALLED. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS:**

Heidi Ahsoak mentioned having pools in the villages.

Roxanne Brower wants to let Peggy to get up to date on the conversation about the HMS start time. It was doable. The next meeting that we had would Mr. Cook was because lack of shared teachers.

Peggy met with Principal Tyree about the issue with the shared teachers in Art and Music. She said that if we changed the schedule we would lose students in those classes.

Roxanne Brower stated that needs to be shared with the parents. Barrow High School shop doesn't know if there are cameras there but there are parts being stolen from the shop.

Heidi Ahsoak asked how are they are going about the meeting with the Ipalook staff?

Peggy Cowan stated that we had staff come from Ipalook. Peggy is setting up transition meetings with the new principal who is able to travel to the Slope. She recommended to honor the staff so that they realize the Board wants to support them. She recommended that the Board attend those meetings.

Roxanne Brower stated she looks forward to more meetings with Madeline. She thanked the Board for being the thorn when it comes to the RLC.

Eva Kinneeveauk reiterated Board member Brower's comments that yes we can have debates. We need to revisit hours for meetings. We need to look at that. We don't do this every month.

Madeline Hickman stated she's taking everything in that's being said. Once she gets the hang of it she thinks she'll keep asking questions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Jeff Cook updated the Board and Peggy on the project committee. Moving the 6-year plan as requested without any cuts. He said thanks to the project review committee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Debby Edwardson MOVED to go into executive session for the purpose of board relations at 11:25pm. Heidi Ahsoak SECONDED. The Board got out of executive session at 12:20am.

**ADJOURNED.**

Respectfully submitted:

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Marlana Peidlow, Board Secretary

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Qaiyaan Harcharek, President

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Roxanne Brower, Clerk

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Date