



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM

TO: John Hopson Jr, President
Members of the Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent DSV

FROM: Chelsie Overby, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

DATE: April 22, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025-2026 Board Calendar of Events

Memo No. SB25-185
(Action Item)

NSBSD Policy Manual:

Financial & Operational Stewardship:

Goal 7.0 Standardize high-functioning, efficient, student-focused operations.

Issue Summary:

The Board shall adopt a yearly calendar specifying the date, time, and place of each regular meeting. Each month, the Board holds a work session at 9:00 am and a regular meeting at 1:00pm unless otherwise stated once posted and notified. The regular meetings are usually held the first Thursday after the North Slope Borough Assembly meeting held on the first Tuesday; however, there are occasionally scheduling conflicts.

There are two calendar options presented for the Board in consideration of Board input regarding personalized District training from AASB for the Board.

Option A provides for contracting AASB in conjunction with Attorney John Sedor to facilitate a personalized Board professional training opportunity (including Board orientation for any new members) for the full board and removing the two Boardsmanship academies in the Fall and Spring that are poorly attended.

Option B provides for maintaining the two Boardsmanship academies where normally one to two Board members attend.

Calendar Recommendations:

August: This month consistently does not require many action items to go before the Board with school beginning August 14. Administration suggests the Board holds a community townhall rather than a regular meeting in a village for this month which is currently scheduled as Point Hope.

September: With the Board's request for two village meetings in a School Year and following the village meeting schedule, Administration recommends the next village meeting to be in September for Anaktuvuk Pass.

October: With elections held October 7, the North Slope Borough will certify the election results on October 14. The Board is required to re-organize 7 days after the certification. Administration is recommending a special meeting on October 20. Following this meeting, if the Board decides Option A for the personalized PD, the afternoon and potentially the following morning would



include a facilitated training by AASB and Sedor. The work session would be in the afternoon on October 21 and regular meeting on October 22.

November/December: There is an AASB Annual Conference November 13-16, including an NSBSD/NWABSD Rural Caucus, that the entire Board attends. Administration is recommending the work session and regular meeting be held in Anchorage prior to the conference on November 11-12. With both November and December being short and busy months due to holidays, conferences, and schools closing for winter break, Administration recommends holding the one meeting in November. If necessary, a special meeting can be held as needed.

January: Student testing data becomes available in January to provide a report on District performance at the winter retreat, recommended for January 19-21. The work session and regular meeting would follow on January 22-23.

February: With the legislative fly-in on February 7-10, Administration recommends the meeting to be held February 17-18.

March: To allow for adequate preparation and scheduling of meetings with each SAC, Administration recommends holding the budget hearing March 16. The work session and regular meeting would follow on February 17-18. This is in anticipation of an expected North Slope Borough budget hearing in the beginning of April.

April: Administration recommends a work session and regular meeting on April 14-15. If the Board decides Calendar Option B, there is an AASB Spring Boardsmanship Academy on April 18-20.

May: Administration recommends a Board retreat May 17-19 in Anchorage. There is an expected special meeting in May or June for the proposed budget. Date to be determined based on required preparation of materials.

Background:

Meetings of the Board are conducted for the purpose of accomplishing district business. A meeting of the Board shall consist of any gathering of the members of the Board when more than three members of the Board, or a majority of the members, whichever is less, are present and collectively consider a matter upon which the Board is empowered to act.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 Board Calendar of Events Option ____.”

Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Vote: _____

