



**North Slope Borough School District Board of Education  
&  
Iḷisaġvik College Board of Trustees**



**Dr. Albert Conference Room, Iḷisaġvik College  
Utqiagvik, AK**

**Minutes**

**Joint Meeting**

**March 5, 2024**

**8:30 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Debby Edwardson, Iḷisaġvik College Board Chairperson, and Robyn Burke, NSBSD Board President, called the Joint Meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. at the Dr. Albert Conference room and over ZOOM Video Communications in Iḷisaġvik College in Utqiagvik, Alaska.

**QULLIQ LIGHTING:** The opening ceremony, acknowledgement of our ancestors and land, is provided by Dora Brower, Coordinator of the NSBSD Iḷuḷupiaq Education Department.

**INVOCATION, WELCOME, AND INTRODUCTIONS** is provided by Debby Edwardson, Iḷisaġvik College Board of Trustees Chairperson and Robyn Burke, North Slope Borough School District Board of Education President.

**ROLL CALL:**

**North Slope Borough School District Board of Education**

Nora Jane Burns – Present via telephonically	Charles Brower – Present
John Hopson Jr. – Present	Robyn Burke- Present
Frieda Nageak – Present	Nancy Rock – Present
Frieda Moore – Present via ZOOM	Magdelina Stringer, Student Representative - Present

**Iḷisaġvik College Board of Trustees**

Alicia Solomon – Present via ZOOM	Roxanne Brower – Present
Robyn Burke - Present	Heather Dingman – Present
Amos Aguvluk Nashookpuk - Excused	James Henry – Present
Jeremy Kasak – Present	Patricia Lloyd - Present
Harlee Harvey – Present via ZOOM	Debby Edwardson - Present
Kristen Morry – Present	

**REVIEW JOINT MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2022** is approved.

John Hopson Jr MOVED to APPROVE the minutes. Roxanne Brower SECONDED the motion. Question called, no objections. The motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

**OPENING COMMENTS AND SHARING INITIATIVES** is provided by Justina Wilhelm, Iḷisaġvik College President, and David Vadiveloo, NSBSD Superintendent and each respective administration on institutional updates and shared initiatives on the joint memorandum, Iḷisaurriġuqta Program, Qatqiḷḷiaġvik, and the Nunaaqqiurat Tumitchiaḷit.

Discussion regarded: registration fees and tuition waivers; organizational contributions for dual credit student participation; separate MOAs for students and staff; staff training on cultural safety and student wellness; communication of programs and offerings; student credit weight; internet and connectivity issues and participation in programs; and definition of Qatqiññaġvik.

**STUDENT VOICE – SUPPORTS WE NEED TO SUCCEED** is provided by Iļisaġvik College Student Government representatives and Magdalena Stringer, Student Representative on the Board.

Discussion regarded: providing more in-person classes and varying class time offerings; student homesickness; More in-depth/extended sessions on mental health, substance abuse, etc...; and career exploration from 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**IĻUAGNIQPUT – OUR WELLBEING** is a facilitated discussion to articulate collaboration between Iļisaġvik College and NSBSD to foster student success by addressing student wellness.

Discussion regarded: mentorships, guest speakers, presenters on opportunities for tradeschools, careers, cultural experts, etc...; college preparation program and communication for student career awareness; Dual credit and internet connectivity difficulty; improving communication on opportunities, utilizing social media; increasing on-the-job-training student relevance and rigor; additional/extended session on mental health curriculum; Iļisaġvik College liaisons in each school; Advanced placement course offering; increased peer interaction opportunities or peer cohort; student cohort coherence with counselor and advisor coordination; community involvement for staff recruitment and retention; personal finance and life skills class offerings; study hall time with dedicated tutors; facilitator for dedicated communication for students with families; committees on student wellness and communications; facilitation and alignment of retention and homegrown staff; and education of staff on resources available to students.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF JOINT RESOLUTION FOR COLLABORATIVE WORK** is approved UNANIMOUSLY.

**CLOSING REMARKS:** Each organization's present members provided closing remarks highlighting discussion points from the joint meeting.

**ADJOURNED AT 4:45 P.M.**

**POTLUCK AND AĠĠI AND IĻAMMIUGNIQ** is provided.