

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education  
Members

**DATE:** August 30, 2023

**FR:** Office of the Superintendent.

**SUBJECT:** Capital Projects Report

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

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT (DEED):** The Department of Education FY 25 grant applications are due September 1.

Applications will be submitted for the following:

- Davis-Ramoth K-12 School Renewal
- Districtwide Fire System Repair and Replacement
- June Nelson Elementary School Roof Replacement
- Deering K-12 School Replacement School
- Districtwide DDC Controls

Buckland HVAC Upgrade will appear on the Six Year CIP list but DEED funding will not be requested as the District will receive additional funding from the Denali Commission (see additional information below).

### **AHFC TEACHER HOUSING:**

**Kivalina** – The District has two AHFC teacher housing grants for new duplexes at the new Kivalina site. As soon as the solar panels are installed the units can be inspected. The District, ASRC SKW, and the project engineers met on-site in August and identified the work that needs to be completed to get the buildings ready for winter. Upgrades to the utility line supports and connections are in progress.

**Selawik** – Work on the Selawik teacher housing project is underway.

**Buckland** – AHFC has awarded grants to both the duplex partnered with the Borough and the District duplex. The agreements are yet to be signed. Under last year's grant program AHFC funding per project is limited to \$500,000. For the 2024 Grant cycle AHFC has increased its contribution limit to \$700,000.

The Borough is willing to proceed with the joint duplex project under the current terms and will contribute additional funding for costs that exceed the current budget of \$750,297. The District will manage the project and contribute \$125,150 in matching funds for this unit.

For the District only duplex, the District may choose to withdraw the current award and reapply for this duplex under the new reimbursement terms. The Superintendent will make a recommendation to the board after a review of fund balances. If funded under the new cycle both duplexes still could be constructed together in summer 2024. Construction of two duplexes at the same time will be more efficient and be less expensive than construction in two separate years.

### **ATC FAMILY HOUSING**

The District was informed that the project would not be receiving a Congressional Discretionary Funding grant. The project is shovel ready awaiting funding.

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

**Kivalina Vehicle Garage**

Garage is in use. Completion of heating system remains.

**Buckland HVAC Upgrade**

A contract for Phase I of the Buckland HVAC Upgrade Project in the amount of \$845,136 was issued to Sturgeon Electric. This phase will replace the existing electric controls in the building with direct digital controls for the air handling units and main pumps in the building.

In July the Denali Commission announced that it would grant up to \$1,041,860 for the balance of the work. This grant has not been executed yet. The total project budget will be adjusted following the formal grant award which is anticipated next month. As the combined funding is very close to the total requirement, the District will not submit a grant application to DEED. The project will remain listed on the Six Year CIP as funded from other sources as DEED encourages the listing of projects funded from other sources.

Phase I work is on schedule for completion by the end of August. As the formally advertised request for proposals included the Phase II work, a change order for this work can be added to the Sturgeon contract for completion next summer. This will be addressed with the Joint Maintenance and Construction Committee and the Board once the Denali Commission grant is finalized.

**KIVALINA REPLACEMENT SCHOOL**

**Construction:** The snow finally melted and in July ASRC remobilized to the site to complete safety surfacing for the playground and final site grading. Most of the punch list items have been completed. There are still some issues with pumps for the waste water plant. The Engineers, SKW and District Maintenance met on site to review the problems and agree on corrective action. SKW will be replacing several pumps. Maintenance has bolstered support and connections for the teacher housing utilities. SKW is upgrading the support of longer utility runs to the school. The construction contract is on schedule for closeout the end of September. Grant close out will follow.

**Percent for Art:** Kevin Smith produced two additional photo panels for the commons which have been shipped to the school for installation. There is a \$130,000 balance for additional art work for the school. The selection of the artwork is a community decision. An RFP will be issued later this fall and support will be provided to a local committee throughout the selection and acquisition process.

**Dedication:** The dedication of the new school has been postponed to November when the school is expected to be a full staffing.

**ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**

There are no action items on this month's agenda.