

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: March 8, 2024

NUMBER: 24-097

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Budget and
Contract Award Deering
Replacement School

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required to expend \$50,000.00 and higher.

ISSUE:

At issue is board approval to increase the budget for the planning and design of the Deering Replacement School and approval of the award of a contract to Burkhart Croft Architects in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Deering K-12 Replacement School is ranked #5 on DEED's School Construction list. The project total is \$46,255,576 with \$9,251,115 as local share. This project is not included in the Governor's budget, and it is not expected to be funded in FY 25. However, it is important that this project improve its ranking for FY 26 consideration.

There are two significant infrastructure projects in planning and design for the community of Deering. Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) is seeking FY25 funding to build a new road between the airport and the community. Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is in the design phase for replacement and extension of the water and sewer systems within Deering.

Both of these projects impact the school project both physically as well as in timing of their construction. The selected site of the new school is off the yet to be built DOT road. The new school site will need utility services extended to it in order to serve the school. District Capital Projects Managers have been coordinating with these two projects for the last two years. We are now to the point that we need to confirm the selected site is a good site to build the 50-year school upon. The community approved this site last April. School site utilities, driveway access and overall site planning and design need to be completed to continue coordination with the DOT and ANTHC projects.

In addition, DEED does not pay for work off the school site such as utility extensions. Therefore, we need to design these extensions, in coordination with the ANTHC project, and then seek funding other than DEED funding to get them constructed.

Close coordination is required with both projects as the school requires road access and utilities. DOT's road project is planned to get FY25 funding, start construction in Fall 2025 and be completed in Fall 2027. The earliest ANTHC's water and sewer project would be under construction is 2025, but it will likely be 2026.

The District will continue to utilize the Burkhart Croft Architects and their engineers as the design team of record for the project. BCA was selected for this work under a competitive term contract procurement.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the allocation of \$175,000 to the Deering Replacement School Project and the delegation of authority to the Superintendent to contract with Burkhart Croft Architects, as presented.
2. Disapprove the allocation of \$175,000 to the Deering Replacement School Project and the delegation of authority to the Superintendent to contract with Burkhart Croft Architects, as presented.
3. Take no final action.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the allocation of \$175,000 to the Deering Replacement School Project and the delegation of authority to the Superintendent to contract with Burkhart Croft Architects, as presented.