

**ADOPTED MINUTES
OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mission: "To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel."
Vision: "To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future."

President Margaret Hansen called the 437th regular meeting of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, in the NWABSD Boardroom in Kotzebue, AK.

Board Members present were:

Alice Adams
Tillie Ticket
Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
Joanne Harris
Alice Melton-Barr
Carol Schaeffer
Shannon Melton
Marie Greene
Margaret Hansen

Board Members absent and excused were Millie Hawley
Millie Hawley attended the meeting at 4:11 P.M.

A quorum was present.

Observed.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff present: Terri Walker-Superintendent, Jeff Alexader, Assistant Superintendent; Joy Cogburn-Smith-Director of State/Federal Programs; James Stewart, Human Resources Director; Joseph Groves, Director of ATC; John Crabb, Assistant Director of ATC; Dena Strait, Capital Projects Manager; Deborah Landcaster, Director of Curriculum; Amy Eakin, Director of Technology.

No public comment was given.

Carol Schaeffer moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, with the acceptance of pulling school presentation and recognition and awards. Seconded by Marie Greene. Approved unanimously.

No Recognition or awards were presented

Superintendent Terri Walker presented her report.

Carol Schaeffer moved that the Board go into an executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which clearly would have an adverse effect upon finance of the school district; Seconded by Marie Greene.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Board convened into executive session at 4:11 p.m.

The board convened into executive session at 4:44 p.m.

Joanne Harris moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, Seconded by Millie Hawley. Approved by rollcall vote.

Each month various Human Resources actions occur, which require Board action or cognizance. On a monthly basis the administration recommends Board approval of new certified/classified hires, positions reclassifications and the revision of job descriptions. In addition, the administration informs the Board of resignations and terminations throughout the district. The administration recommends the Board approve the Human Resources actions as presented.

Board approval is required for Board Meeting Dates. Board Bylaw 9320 Meetings states that Regular meetings shall be held on the last Tuesday of every month, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF/GUESTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES

APPROVAL OF FY26 BOARD
MEETING DATES

The School Board shall establish and maintain a balanced budget. The FY26 General Fund Operating Budget was approved and adopted at the April 28th, 2025:

Revenues: \$65,877,405

Expenditures: \$70,727,105

Transfer in from Other Funds: \$2,300,000

Transfers out to Other Funds: \$675,500

Presented to you is Budget Revision #1. For the FY26 Operating Fund Budget:

Revenues: \$73,280,013

Expenditures: \$74,983,853

Transfer in from Other Funds: \$2,300,000

Transfers out to Other Funds: \$2,775,000

This Revision includes changes to revenue detailed as follows:

- Additional contributions by the Northwest Arctic Borough
- FY2026 Foundation Projection Report, \$6,660 base student allocation (BSA)
- Updated PERS and TRS on-behalf rates
- Corrected other local revenue projection

The change in total expenditures is dependent upon the acceptance of the memos presented in this committee meeting (NMS Custodial and Food Service agreements, Noatak fuel increase, and Safe and Civil MOA, as well as actual amounts shared for the FY26 On-Behalf rates. FY26 Insurance Coverage Renewal and FY25 Audit Services. Additionally, it is recommended that the Board include a reinstatement of departmental budget cuts (Human Resources, Business Office, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Board of Education), transfers out for the ATC, Noatak district match and Food Service, the Student Activities Program, as well as building the Inupiaq language program fund, and providing an attendance incentive.

A Fund Balance is not included in this breakdown because the fund balance is estimated going into FY26. The final and actual Fund Balance will be known after the FY25 audit is complete. The administration recommends the Board approve FY26 Budget Revision #1. As presented.

Superintendent's out-of-district travel requires Board Approval. Requests for Out-of-district Travel by the Superintendent upcoming Travel dates:

September 20-21, 2025, Fall Boardsmanship Academy, Anchorage, AK.

September 24-27, 2025, Superintendent's Fall Conference, Fairbanks, AK.

October 8-11, 2025, National Indian Education Conference, Spokane, WA.

The Administration recommends the Board approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-town travel as presented.

Board approval is required for purchases exceeding \$50,000.00. The administration is requesting the school board's approval to purchase 57,000 gallons of Fuel at \$11.42 per gallon for the Noatak School. This is more than usual for this site, which has been 40,000 gallons the past two years but with the erosion issue approaching the runway with only 133 feet of ground between the runway apron and the riverbank this extra fuel would be a prudent decision. Vendors did not bid on providing fuel to Noatak; therefore, fuel to Noatak was not included in the approval of the bulk fuel purchase. The fuel must be flown in via Everts Air Fuel out of Fairbanks. The cost of 57,000 gallons of fuel at \$11.42 a gallon from Everts Air Fuel FOB Fairbanks to Noatak will be \$651,008.76.

Funding sources: General Fund Maintenance Department Fuel Budget. The approved budgeted amount for Noatak Fuel is \$490,000.00 An additional \$170,000 is recommended in Revision #1. The administration recommends board approval of the purchase of 57,000 gallons of fuel from Everts Air Fuel, not to exceed \$651,008.76.

Board approval is required for purchases that exceed \$50,000. Funding: General Fund and Title 1 Professional Development Set Aside (fund 267) The administration recommends approval of the Safe & Civil Schools (Susan Isaacs) MOA FY26, not to exceed \$196,000 as presented.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Alaska Humanities Forum (AKHF) will facilitate and oversee major components of the New Alaska Native Education Ilisautri Project, including managing the cultural immersion (Culture Camp/Orientation) for new teachers, 2 gatherings in Kotzebue for C3 educators each year of the grant, and Partnership Meetings. This includes arranging and paying for travel costs associated with these activities. The total cost of these services, including partial salary/benefits for the AKHF C3 Program Director, Manager, and Coordinator, is \$612,562.06 for the 2025-2026 grant year (08/01/2025 to 07/31/2025). Detailed Budget Included, fully funded by Alaska Native Education C3 Ilisautri Grant Project. The administration recommends the board approve the MOA Alaska Humanities Forum FY26 for the amount not to exceed \$612,562.06 as presented.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) will support the Districts Implementation of the Comprehensive State Literacy Grant for \$165,000 for the 2025-2026 grant year (08/01/2025 to 06/30/2026) Detailed overview of Services Attached. Funded by grant fund 305, Comprehensive State Literacy Grant (CLSD) (\$154,420) and Quality Schools Grant (\$10,580). The administration recommends board approval of MOA National institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) FY26 for the amount not to exceed \$165,000 as presented.

APPROVAL OF FY26 BUDGET
REVISION # 1.

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENTS
OUT OF REGION TRAVEL

APPROVAL OF FUEL PURCHASE -
NOATAK

APPROVAL OF SAFE & CIVIL
SCHOOLS (SUSAN ISAACS) MOA
FY26

APPROVAL OF MOA ALASKA
HUMANITIES FORUM FY26

APPROVAL OF MOA NATIONAL
INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE IN
TEACHING (NIET) FY26

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Karen McCain of McCain Services serves as Project Evaluator for the District's Federal Grants. In addition to finding grant opportunities and assisting the districts in writing grant proposals, her duties include evaluating and overseeing existing federal grant projects, data entry, and completing all required Federal Performance Reports. The MOA addendum, which includes travel, is for a total of \$202,327.17. The grants Karen McCain assists the district in managing for the FY26 (including carryover) total \$5,934,554.00. Her outside evaluator costs for those grants equals 3.42%. The administration recommends board approval of MOA Addendum for Karen McCain FY26 for the amount not to exceed \$202,327.17 as presented.

APPROVAL OF MOA ADDENDUM
KAREN MCCAIN FY26

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Each school year, middle school students across the district participate in the Middle School Academy through the University of Alaska Anchorage's Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP). The cost includes salaries, benefits, services, airfare, and supplies, totaling \$160,000 for 54 students.

APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY OF
ALASKA-ANSEP COSTS FOR THE
2025-2026 YEAR

Acceleration Academy for up to 20 students; Acceleration Academy (Full-Time) is a full school day opportunity during the academic year. Students in grades 9-12 take free university courses and earn three years of college credits towards any degree by high school graduation. The cost includes tuition and fees for up to 20 students for \$60,000.

ANSEP STEM Ready Academy engages our fifth-grade students with hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) career exploration projects. These sessions are school district specific. The cost includes salaries, benefits, services, and supplies for up to 30 students for \$30,000.

Funding: Native Youth in Action (NIYA (Fund 354

The administration recommends board approval of University of Alaska-ANSEP Costs for the 2025-2026 School Year not to exceed \$250,000, as presented.

Board approval is required for all service contracts over \$50,000. The school district and NANA Management services currently have a contract through FY26 for the NWABSD Food Service Program. See below for the current and proposed pricings:

APPROVAL OF 26 NMS FOOD
SERVICE ADDENDUM K-12M SITES

MEAL	CURRENT PRICING	PRICING FOR FY26	INCREASE
Breakfast	\$5.28	\$5.53	4.7%
Lunch	\$9.76	\$10.22	4.7%
Seconds	\$3.50	\$3.50	0%

The breakfast and lunch meals are partially reimbursed through the National School Lunch program, Summer Food Service Program, or Single Summer Option. The district is not reimbursed for seconds; therefore, those costs are supported by the district's food service program which in a typical year is a transfer from the general operating fund. Based upon the FY25 meal counts, we are estimating this cost increase to be approximately \$105,000.00. See attached monthly breakdown for more information. The Administration recommends the Board approve the 26 NMS Food Service Addendum K-12 Sites, as presented.

Board approval is required for all purchases over \$50,000. The School District went out to request for proposals for Custodial Service Management for FY22 with the option to renew the contract for up to four (4) years through FY26. NANA Management Services, LLC was the single proposer that the district had, and if offering, competitive prices for their services despite the increase noted below.

APPROVAL OF FY26 NMS CUSTODIAL
SERVICES ADDENDUM

FY25 amount \$2,511,227 (no increase to service costs from FY24)

Recognize the District's current financial challenges, as the district's partner, NMS Custodial Services did not request an increase for the FY25 year as long as the scope of services remains the same.

Requested FY26 amount \$2,659,904.08.

The FY26 increase request includes a 4.7% cost increase, as well as the addition of vacuum repair and replacement services. The total increase amount is equal to \$148,677.64.

The Administration recommends the Board approve the FY26 NMS Custodial Services Addendum not to exceed \$2,659,904.08, as presented.

Board approval is required for purchases that exceed \$50,000. The administration requests School Board Approval to enter into a contract with NANA Management Services, LLC for NMS Security for STAR Dorm, in the amount of \$151,013.52 to provide twelve-hour nighttime security at the STAR dormitory. This memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will allocate STAR of the Northwest Magnet School funds to supply a twelve-hour overnight security guard, seven days a week, for 38 weeks while the magnet school dormitory remains open. This will ensure consistent, professional nighttime security for both STAR and Readistar students. The administration recommends the Board approves the NMS Security for STAR Dorm Memorandum of Agreement with NANA Management Services, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$151,013.52 as presented.

APPROVAL OF NMS SECURITY FOR
STAR DORM MOA WITH NANA
MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Provide Counseling Education including direct counseling service, classroom presentation, student scheduling, scholarship and post-graduation guidance, supervision, school counseling services and documentation. Provide services via direct student/teacher on-site contact provides consultation services with principal, teachers, aides, and parents, through remote and/or direct service, supervision and site contact with teachers and students. This contact will provide the opportunity to assist the district in providing services as to improve educational advantages and wellness services for students in the district. The MOA, which includes travel, is for \$123,000. And is fully paid for with Counseling grand funds (OYVF grant). The administration recommends board approval of the FY26 Counselor MOA, Clay Moose in the amount not to exceed \$123,500. As presented.

APPROVAL OF FY26 COUNSELOR
MOA, CLAY MOOSE

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Kristen Bacon, PT provides oversight, direct, and indirect physical therapy services for children across the district ages 0-22. Kristen Bacon, PT Therapy, is an experienced therapist who has a history of working effectively with staff, parents, and students in special services programs. She will oversee and conduct consultation, evaluation, and direct physical therapy services. The contract, partially supported by grants, will provide her the opportunity to assist the district in providing services as required by law to infants and special education students in the district. Kristen Bacon, Physical Therapist also consults with staff. The MOA, which includes travel, is for \$54,000 and is fully grant funded with special education and ELF grants. The administration recommends board approval of the Physical Therapist MOA, Kristen Bacon in the amount not to exceed \$54,000 as presented.

APPROVAL OF PHYSICAL THERAPIST
MOA, KRISTEN BACON

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. School Psych, Terese Kashi provides psychological and Special Education direct services, consultation, assessment services for NWABSD students. Additionally training, Functional Behavior Assessment and behavior plans are provided. She provides services via direct students/teacher on-site contact. Dr. Kashi has provided services in our region for over 7 years. These additional funds would be used for these services. The contract addendum will provide the opportunity to assist the district in providing services as to improve educational advantages and wellness services for students in the district. The MOA Addendum, which includes travel, is for \$94,000 and is paid for by both general and special Education grant funds. The administration recommends board approval of the School Psych MOA Addendum, Terese Kashi, in the amount not to exceed \$94,000 as presented.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL PSYCH MOA
ADDENDUM: TERESE KASHI

Board policy revisions require Board approval. The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for board policy revisions when the law changes or specific needs occur. Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board. This is the second reading of the proposed revisions to BP 5141.22 Infectious Disease within the Bylaws of the Board series. This update includes updates in law and removes HIV verbiage. The Board policy Committee reviewed the proposed changes and recommended approval. The administration recommends the Board approve the second reading of the proposed revisions to BP 5141.22 Infectious Disease as presented.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED
REVISIONS TO BP 5141.22
INFECTIOUS DISEASE; SECOND
READING

Board policy revisions require Board approval. The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for board policy revisions when the law changes or specific needs occur. Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board. This is the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 5113 Absences and Excuses within the Students series. This update includes legal citation updates and clarifying verbiage not to conflict with AR 5113. The board policy Committee. Reviewed the proposed changes, recommends approval to open for public comments. The administration recommends the Board approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 5113 Absences and Excuses as presented and open for public comments.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED
REVISIONS TO BP 5113 ABSENCES
AND EXCUSES; FIRST READING

Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) School Construction Grant applications or score reuse letters for FY 2027 are due by September 1, 2025, and Board approval of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) priorities is requirement for submission. The Six-Year CIP is used to prioritize projects and establish the order of construction for District capital improvement projects. The School Board annually updates the Six-Year CIP. The district submits grant applications or score reuse letters for the projects identified for the first year of the plan. Approval is requested by the Regional School Board for approval of the final Six-Year CIP to be submitted with the score reuse letters. A preliminary list was provided and approved by the board in January 2025 on Memo 25-068. The changes have been made to the list since that time. First the Deering K-12 Replacement School project has been increased per DEED's allowable escalation rate of 4%. This increases the cost to approximately \$60,500,000. Second, Buckland K-12 School Boiler Replacement project has been moved into spot #2 as a score reuse. This means no additional time was spent in preparing a grant application. The match for this project is approximately \$76,540.00. Attached is a proposed final FY 2027 – FY 2032 Six-Year CIP list that includes a description of the proposed projects, and their anticipated costs at the time. The administration recommends approval of the final FY27 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as presented.

APPROVAL OF FINAL FY27 SIX-YEAR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Acceptance of the award of FY26 funding from the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for Deering K-12 School Replacement by the School Board is required. In Summer 2024, District submitted an FY26 application for funding to the state for the school replacement project. While not included in the state fiscal budget, the state had a small amount of money they provided for gravel harvesting and stockpiling on the future school site. Grant total is \$1,666,667, local match not to exceed \$333,333 for a total project of \$2M. The school replacement project is approximately \$60M. so this is a small, but important, first step. A budget that matches the grant agreement is attached. The project scope of work is primarily focused on necessary site design and permitting work in preparation for gravel stockpiling in Summer '26 or '27. \$190,000 in design work was approved in April '25 under memo

ACCEPTANCE OF FY26 DEED
GRANT FOR DEERING K-12 SCHOOL
REPLACEMENT GRAVEL
HARVESTING AND STOCKPILING

25-125 utilizing general funding. \$143,333 in additional general funds is needed to meet the local match requirements.

Pre-design work includes Cultural Resources impact evaluation, permitting, and surveying. Project needs to secure site control with NANA which requires various surveys, NANA Committee meetings, and non-objection letter from the Village and City of Deering, etc. Permits from both the Corp of Engineers and the Borough are needed. In addition, DEED does not pay for work off the school site such as utility extensions. Therefore, we need to do pre-design for these extensions in order to pursue other grants to fund this future work. Projects will end with stockpiling of all needed gravel on the new school site. Future grants are needed to build out the gravel pad, utility extensions and the school itself.

Grand funding impetus is SOA DOT's project to build a new airport, or emergency evacuation road. DOT is bidding their project in August, with their contract expected to mobilize in spring 2026. DEED has anticipated the district to directly negotiate with the DOT contractor to procure the quantity of gravel needed and have it hauled and stockpiled on site. There was not enough funding to build out the gravel pad.

To move forward, the superintendent requires Board approval to accept the grant award, the additional match funding, and the delegation of authority to manage the project budget.

The administration recommends the Board accept the state FY26 grant funding of \$1,666,667 and an additional local match not to exceed \$143,333 for Deering K-12 School Replacement, and delegation of authority to the Superintendent to manage the project budgets, as presented.

Acceptance of award of FY26 funding from the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 Sites by the School board is required to advance the project. Alaska Department of Education and Early Development has awarded a grant to the district for the above noted project. Project includes the replacement of fire alarm panels at six schools. Shungnak will get a new fire alarm system and a new sprinkler system. Schools involved are Ambler, Buckland, June Nelson, KMHS, Noorvik and Shungnak. Total project costs is \$6,612,840.

Noorvik School's fire alarm system was replaced this past spring, so the physical work is complete.

Funding wise, Noorvik is part of this grant. Borough committed \$455,000 to replace Noorvik's system in August 2024. That funding counts towards the match for this grant. In an attempt to secure the remaining local match, a grant application was submitted to Representative Nick Begich's office this spring for FY26 Congressional Directed Spending. The Representative has inserted this request into funding bills, but we will not know if funding passed until this fall. If funded, it will cover the vast majority of the remaining match. Project will complete design and bid by early 2026. Construction will begin in Spring 2026 and will continue into Summer 2027. To move forward, the superintendent needs Board approval to accept the grant award, commitment of the additional match funding, and the delegation of authority to manage the project. The administration recommends the Board accept the state FY26 grant funding of \$5,290,272, commit an additional amount not to exceed \$867,568 in local match for Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 Sites, and delegation of authority to the Superintendent to manage the project, as presented.

The administration requests a resolution from the School Board supporting application for funding to renovate and modify teacher housing in Buckland, Noatak, and Kivalina and committing funding for the districts share of required matching funds. The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) has a program available to encourage the development of housing for teachers, health professionals and public safety in rural areas. AHFC currently has approximately \$7 million in available funding. Applications are due October 17, 2025, for funding consideration. The AHFC program provides funding for new construction, renovation of buildings into housing and upgrade of existing housing, by school districts. The grants currently reimburse up to 85 percent of the total cost of the renovation projects with a limit of \$700,000 in AHFC funding per application. There are additional points for creating or renovation multiple units at one time and energy efficiency upgrades. The district has a need for renovation and addition work in three communities. Buckland has a 3-bedroom unit for that needs energy efficiency upgrades and modernization in order to return to use by teachers. Noatak does not have a 3-bedroom unit but needs one to help retain a long-term teacher and to attract and retain future teachers with families. Kivalina does not have enough teacher housing units on the new campus. However, two modular classrooms are on site and can be converted to teacher housing. One building can become two, one-bedroom units, and the other building can become one unit with two bedrooms. An application for \$330k for this project was submitted to Senator Murkowski's office in Spring 2025 for Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) funds. On 7-29-25, the district was told the funds were included in an appropriations bill and secured. Funds will not be available until sometime next year. Because we do not have additional information at this time, the board has not been asked to accept this funding. However, in order to apply for AHFC Funding, we need a match commitment.

Administration requests Board approve \$330k in match to support the fall AHFC applications. When a formal grant agreement is provided for the \$330K CDS money, assumed to happen in spring or summer 2026. Administration will request Board to accept the CDS money, thus replacing the district match.

Essentially, the District's match is a bridge match until the CDS's funds are accepted by the board.

An estimate of \$1,025,000 has been created by Property Services and CIP Manager for the projects. AHFC's maximum grant is \$700,000. The minimum match is 15% or \$105,000. However, matches can come from grants such as the pending CDS funds through Senator Murkowski's office. By committing \$330k in match, \$1,030,000, assuming an AHFC grant award, will be available for this work.

The applications must include a letter of commitment for the local share of costs as recommended by the board. The district match would be funded from capital reserves (or general funds) whichever are available for this purpose. Applications also require Board resolutions supporting the applications for funding. The resolution must also name the person authorized to submit the application. The Administration recommends that Dena Strait, the Districts Capital Projects Manager, be authorized to provide application information on behalf of the district. The administration recommends the Board adopt Resolution 26-001 approving application to AHFC for funding for teacher housing renovations in Buckland, Noatak, and Kivalina; commit to local share not to exceed \$330,000; and authorize Dena Strait to provide application information on behalf of the board, as presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEED FY26
FUNDING DISTRICTWIDE FIRE
SYSTEM REPLACEMENT, 6 SITES

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 26-001;
APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR AHFC
RURAL PROFESSIONAL HOUSING
GRANTS FOR BUCKLAND, NOATAK,
KIVALINA

Approval of the School Board is required to request funding from the Northwest Arctic Borough for the Playground Replacement and Refurbishment Project. In Summer 2024, Districts Capital Improvements Project Manager was requesting to do an analysis of the condition of the existing playgrounds across the district. The intent was to establish a baseline condition of each playground and determine funding requirements to replace and refurbish playgrounds as needed. From this effort, playgrounds were divided into categories per level of need as noted below.

1. No work needed – Kivalina's playground is new, and Deering's will be replaced with the new school.
2. Swing set parts or other broken parts or pieces replaced only – Ambler, Kiana, and Shungnak
3. Replacement of broken equipment and parts of swing sets – Buckland, Kobuk, Selawik and Noatak.
4. Replacement of whole play structures, swing sets and adding Safety Surface – Noorvik, and JNES.

An estimate of \$615,000 has been established for this work. Installing code complaint safety surfacing at three schools is roughly one third of the overall cost. Historically, local sources have been used to provide safety surfacing and have often not met the depth or material specifications needed to be code compliant. This was done due to the playground surface being covered by snow most of the year. The playgrounds are not only school playgrounds but are typically the only playground in the community. Installing code compliant safety surfacing is recommended when playgrounds receive major overhauls. For this project that would include Noorvik and JNES. Grant funding from Northwest Arctic Borough has been discussed in past JMCC meetings and may be a funding opportunity. To move forward, the Superintendent requires Board approval to request funding from the Borough delegation of authority to manage the project if funding is received. The administration recommends approval of the funding request to the Northwest Arctic Borough for \$615,000 for the Playground Replacement and Refurbishment Project of playgrounds across the district.

The next regular Board meeting of the NWABSD Board of Education will be held on September 29 and 30, 2025, virtually

Marie Greene moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alice Adams.

Motion passed with unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Tillie Ticket, Secretary

Amy Eakin, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUEST TO THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH FOR THE PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT AND REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

COMMUNICATION AND ITEMS PRESENTED BY BOARD MEMBERS

DATE/TIME OF NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT