

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 27, 2024

NUMBER: 25-016

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Grant Funding
For Buckland HVAC/Energy
Upgrades Phase II and
Delegation of
Contracting Authority to the
Superintendent

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required for expenditures over \$50,000.00 and to increase project budgets.

ISSUE:

At issue is a Denali Commission grant award of \$1,041,860 for Buckland HVAC/Energy Upgrades Phase II. Board approval is needed to utilize the funds for this project.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

In January 2023, the Board approved the award of contract to Sturgeon Electric for Phase I of the Buckland HVAC/Energy Upgrade Project. It was recognized at that time that additional funding was required to complete the project. The Board approved a delegation of authority to the Superintendent to seek additional funding to be added to the project.

In April of 2023, the District applied for federal funding from the Denali Commission. In July of 2023 the Denali Commission awarded \$1,041,860 for the project. No additional matching funds were required for this grant, as they accepted prior expenditures for Phase I, from both the Borough and the District, to act as the match for the new Denal Commission grant.

At question is Board approval to support utilization of the Denali Commission grant for Phase II work, not to exceed \$1,041,860. Several contracts will be required for this work including to Sturgeon Electric, RSA Engineering, EHS Environmental Services and for Project Management Services by Dena Strait.

Utilization of these grant funds will get all Phase II work completed by early 2025. It is recommended that the Board approve a delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent in an amount not to exceed \$1,401,860.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve acceptance of Denali Commission grant funding and delegation of authority to the Superintendent in an amount not to exceed \$1,041,860.
2. Disapprove acceptance of the Denali Commission grant funding or delegation of authority to the Superintendent.
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve acceptance of the Denali Commission grant for the Buckland HVAC/Energy Upgrades Phase II project and approve delegation of authority to the Superintendent to manage contracts up to an additional \$1,041,860 in project funding.