MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education Members DATE: November 7, 2023

NUMBER: 24-053

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Purchase

Follett School Solutions

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Goal 3: Family Support and Engagement

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required for purchases that exceed \$50,000.

ISSUE:

At issue is the Board's approval of Literacy Connections (LIT) grant program expenses from Follett School Solutions to purchase grade leveled take-home books for ages 3 to grade 12 for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Follett Solutions will curate book selections per grade level for our students, books will be bundled by grade level and be shipped directly to sites for distribution. The total purchase cost will not exceed \$300,000 as budgeted.

These items were fully budgeted for and approved as part of our Literacy Connections application under the Innovative Approaches to Literacy grant program.

Funding: Federal LIT Grant Fund 353

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. Approval of purchase, grade leveled take-home books for ages 3 to grade 12 from Follett School Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.
- 2. Disapproval of purchase, grade leveled take-home books for ages 3 to grade 12 from Follett School Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.
- 3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends board approval of the purchase of grade leveled take-home books from Follett School Solutions, as presented.