



**North Slope Borough School District Board of Education
Archie K. Brower Conference Room, Central Office
Utqiagvik, AK**

**Unapproved Minutes
Special Meeting
November 23, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Nancy Rock, Board President, called the Board of Education Special Meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. on ZOOM Video Communications.

FLAG SALUTE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Education.

ROLL CALL:

Nora Jane Burns – Present via Telephonically	Charles D. Brower – Present
Madeline Hickman – Present via VTC	Robyn Burke – Present via VTC
Frieda Nageak– Present	Nancy Rock – Present via Telephonically
Qaiyaan Harcharek- Present via Telephonically	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Charles Brower MOVED to APPROVE the Agenda. Madeline Hickman SECONDED the motion. Question called. The motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: District staff, School Advisory Council members, and community members were present.

GRANT ACCEPTANCE, ASRC CARES ACT FUNDING is presented by Fadil Limani, Chief Financial Officer. Under Strategic Plan Goal 1.0 Student Success, 4.1 Facilities, 4.2 Financial Stewardship, 4.5 Technology, and as prescribed in Board Policy 3290, the School Board greatly appreciates the support of community members and may accept suitable donations on behalf of the District. In order for the gift to be acceptable, the gift, grant or donation must satisfy the criteria 1 through 7. Upon acceptance by the District, all gifts, grants, and bequests shall become district property. At the Superintendent or designee's discretion, a gift may be used at a particular school. On or about March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Public Law 116-136, ("CARES Act") to facilitate the provision of federal assistance and relief in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Title V of the CARES Act created the Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CRF"), and \$150 billion dollars was appropriated to the Fund for Fiscal Year 2020 to provide direct assistance to state, tribal, territorial, and local governments to fund certain necessary and allowable expenses incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. The U.S. Department of the Treasury is authorized to distribute funding from the CRF utilizing a population-based formula as set forth in the CARES Act; and ASRC received an allocation from the CRF fund. ASRC leadership has been in close collaboration with the School District leadership over the course of several months in identifying the School District's needs as a result of the global pandemic. The identified funding reflects the eligibility requirements and the parameters of the program including the School District's immediate needs in continuing to provide support and education to all of our schools during the pandemic.

The Subrecipient Award breakdown is as follows: Facilitating Distance Learning and Public Health Expenses allowing for equipment for remote learning, including new computers and internet access devices for a total amount of Federal Funds obligated to this program of \$2,436,455.89; Food Programs allowing for equipment for enhancing ability to provide food programs to school children both in school and when remote learning in a total amount of Federal Funds obligated to this program as \$2,436,455.89; School Re-Opening Costs allowing for facilitating distance learning where the School District would receive \$500 per student allowed by Treasury’s FAQ#53 at a total amount of Federal Funds obligated to this fund as \$1,019,500.00. The total grant is \$4,318,542.41. Attachment A and B are available for the detailed budget costs. The Grant Agreement will be in effect upon acceptance by the School Board and execution of the Grant Agreement and will remain in effect until March 31, 2022. The performance period for the subaward funding will be from November 17, 2021 thru December 31, 2021.

Board members thanked ASRC for their contribution to the School District and Chief Financial Officer Fadil Limani for the collaboration between the District and ASRC. Mr. Limani recognized the Maintenance & Operations Director Craig Jones, Procurement Administrator Don Dunbar, and Information Technology Director Everett Haimes for their collaboration on this project. Board discussion regarded the freezer storage in Utqiagvik that was previously serviced earlier in the year.

Robyn Burke MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education APPROVE and ACCEPT the Grant Subrecipient Awards from the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation in the sum amount of \$4,318,542.41. In addition, the Board of Education AUTHORIZES the purchase of the equipment as outlined in Attachment A and B including the immediate utilization of the School Re-Opening Funds. Madeline Hickman SECONDED the motion. Question called. The motion carried in a roll call vote of seven yes, zero no.

Nora Jane Burns – Yes	Qaiyaan Harcharek - Yes
Madeline Hickman – Yes	Robyn Burke - Yes
Frieda Nageak – Yes	Nancy Rock - Yes
Charles Brower – Yes	

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Community Member Assisaun Toovak and External Affairs Coordinator at Iłisaġvik College wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and announced the 2022 Course Schedule is online, and Kimberly Brent is a contact at the college for dual credit.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS: Board members thanked the Board, Teachers, staff, and students and wished for a happy Thanksgiving.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Friday, December 3, 2021 Special Meeting in Utqiagvik, AK at the Archie K. Brower Conference Room / ZOOM Video Communications; Tuesday, December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting in Utqiagvik, AK at the Archie K. Brower Conference Room / ZOOM Video Communications

ADJOURNED AT 10:51 A.M. Charles Brower MOVED to ADJOURN. Madeline Hickman SECONDED the motion. The meeting stands adjourned.

Respectfully submitted for the December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting:

Chelsie Overby, Board Secretary

Nancy Rock, Board President

Robyn Burke, Board Clerk

Date