NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO:	Qaiyaan Harcharek, President
	Members of the School Board
THROUGH:	Pauline Harvey, Superintendent *PH*
FROM:	Chelsie Overby, Board Secretary
DATE:	January 7, 2021
SUBJECT:	National School Boards Association (NSBA) **Memo No. SB21-112**
	Annual Conference, April 8-10, 2021 **(Action Item)**

NSBSD Policy Manual:

Board Bylaw 9240, Board Development:…Board members need to participate in professional development activities that help them understand their responsibilities, stay abreast of new developments in education, and learn new ways to cope effectively with the problems they confront.

Issue Summary:

The Board may appoint its members to attend the National School Boards 2021 Online Experience (Annual Conference) on April 8-10, 2021.

With the early bird discount, Individual Registration for two members is $1350 or $675/person. If the Board would like to appoint more members, the group registration of nine members is $3,600. This may include the Board, Superintendent, and one other designee if the full Board would like to participate.

Note: Most up-to-date computers and mobile devices such as laptops, smartphones, and hand-held tablets can run the online event. Once the NSBA 2021 online platform is available, you will be able to test your internet browser, internet connection, and network settings to be sure they are optimized for your viewing experience. Please note that smartphones are not ideal but do allow for participation in the event.

Background:

Educational Sessions will take place from 8:30am – 1:30pm on April 8-9, 2021, and 8:00am – 12:10pm on April 10, 2021 for our District. If you cannot make the scheduled time of the session, the content will be available on-demand following the event for all registered individuals.

Proposed Motion:

"I move that the NSBSD Board of Education appoint _____ and _____

(or available Board members) to attend the NSBA 2021 Online Experience Conference on April 8-10, 2021.

Moved By:_____   Seconded By:_____

Vote: _____

Nine content areas will be represented as follows:

ADVOCACY		Shape the debate: Learn about current national topics affecting education leaders and impacting local control and governance.
EQUITY & DIVERSITY		Through factors including, but not limited to, disability, race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status, students are deprived of equitable educational opportunities. Learn about the key drivers to promote equity in education to provide opportunities to all students according to their unique needs.
GOVERNANCE & EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP		Effective leadership skills are necessary to plan for a successful future and transform public education. Learn how to intentionally align resources to achieve district standards and priorities and understand education reform.
INNOVATION IN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT		Learn how to deal with economic challenges, labor and employment issues, transportation, managing local bond initiatives, as well as hot topics such as Every Student Succeeds Act implementation plans and data-driven decisions.
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT		Examine approaches to developing leadership traits/habits/and mindsets to enhance your effectiveness. (Examples of program topics include, but are not limited to, thought leadership, public speaking, time management, effective leadership habits, and personal leadership tools/resources)
SCHOOL BOARD/ SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONSHIPS		Learn the different roles and responsibilities of the board and the superintendent and how to collaborate and develop long-term successful relationships inside and outside the system.
SAFE & SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS		Supporting and promoting the physical, social, and emotional safety and development of students critical for student success. Learn best practices that promote safe and supportive learning environments for every child.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY		Understand the factors which set conditions to optimize teaching and learning, narrow or eliminate the achievement gap, accountability, and continuous improvement within a system.
TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL LEARNING SOLUTIONS		Learn how technology is transforming school districts through remote learning, advances in education technology, and challenges in equitable access to technology with relevant knowledge for technology directors, administrators, and board members.