

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
Special Meeting/Executive Session  
Tuesday, January 27, 2026  
6:35 pm  
NES Library

Member Tahbone called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm Tuesday, January 27, 2026 with a quorum present.

Member Tahbone led the Pledge of Allegiance in Inupiaq.

Member Tahbone read the Nome Public Schools Mission Statement.

**School Board Members Present:**

Marjorie Kunaq Tahbone	Darlene Trigg (via Zoom)	Jon Gregg
Nancy Mendenhall	Sigvanna Tapqaq (via Zoom)	

**Others in attendance included:**

Jamie Burgess	Alisha Papineau	Jim Shreve
Jennifer Shreve	Stan Burgess	Adam Lust
Teriscovky Smith	Mary Ulroan	Joe Fullwood

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Gregg moved to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion carried by a roll call vote with the following results:

Marjorie Kunaq Tahbone: yes	Darlene Trigg: yes	Jon Gregg: yes
Nancy Mendenhall: yes	Sigvanna Tapqaq: yes	

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Community member and parent, Joe Fullwood informed the Board that the gold him and another miner donated for the boys basketball raffle went missing after they handed it over to the person collecting donations. Therefore, the winner did not receive their prize.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD**

Member Gregg made the motion to go into Executive Session at 6:44 pm for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. The motion passed.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:07 pm.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Member Gregg moved to approve the principal's recommendation for permanent expulsion. Discussion followed.

The motion carried by a roll call vote with the following results:

Marjorie Kunaq Tahbone: yes

Darlene Trigg: yes

Jon Gregg: yes

Nancy Mendenhall: no

Sigvanna Tapqaq: yes

## **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Member Tapqaq congratulated the Spelling Bee winner, Hazel Rhodes.

Member Tapqaq requested to discuss the dropout rate in a work session.

Member Tapqaq requested that the Board Policy Review Committee review policies regarding expulsion.

Member Trigg informed that she was on her way to D.C. to attend a National School Board Association meeting. She explained that part of why she asked additional questions about the budget was so we could add it to Alaska's testimony to the legislatures with the intention that they might be willing to help improve some of the funding concerns.

Member Trigg said there was a small possibility she might be able to attend the legislative session in Juneau.

Member Trigg announced that AASB Executive Director, Lon Garrison would be retiring after this year.

Member Tahbone attended the first day of the NACTEC meeting.

Superintendent Burgess discussed possibly changing the date for the facilities walk down with the City and school board.

Superintendent Burgess announced she would be attending the AASB Legislative Fly-In with Member Tapqaq in Juneau. She also informed which legislatures she had scheduled meetings with.

Superintendent Burgess requested for the February 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting start time be changed to 6:00 pm since her and Member Tapqaq would be flying in around the original start time. The board agreed to the request.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Tuesday, February 10, Regular Meeting, 6:00 pm, NES Library/Zoom
- Tuesday, February 24, Work Session, 5:30 pm, NES Library
- Tuesday, March 10, Regular Meeting, 5:30 pm, NES Library/Zoom
- Tuesday, March 24, Work Session, 5:30 pm, NES Library

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Tahbone moved to adjourn at 8:16 pm.

Marjorie Kunaq Tahbone  
President, Board of Education

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Darlene Trigg Date  
Vice President/Clerk, Board of Education