

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday May 12, 2026
5:34 pm
NES Library

Member Tahbone called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm Tuesday, May 12, 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	Jon Gregg (Excused)	Darlene Trigg
Nancy Mendenhall	Sigvanna Tapqaq	
Sara James, Student Representative		

Others in attendance included:

Jamie Burgess	Genevieve Hollins (via Zoom)	
Elizabeth Korenek-Johnson	Jennifer Shreve	Jim Shreve
Mary Donaldson (via Zoom)	Karen Dixon (via Zoom)	Ryan Martinson
Teriscovkya Smith	Holly Harlow	Tinsley Pomrenke
Alyssa Greke	AG Greke	Pat Booth
Heidi Secor	Brian James	Cassidy Martinson
Lisa Leeper	Kaya Kent	Kathleen Jaycox
Margaret Sutherland	Michelle Carton	Sandy Martinson (via Zoom)
Karen Linnell (via Zoom)	Donna James (via Zoom)	Doreen Deaton (via Zoom)
Debbie Peacock (via Zoom)		

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Mendenhall moved to approve the agenda as presented.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Mendenhall moved to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting, April 14, 2026; the April 2026 disbursements; the April 2026 personnel report; the April 2026 Gifts, Grants and Bequests, and Out of State Staff Travel.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

Nancy Mendenhall, retiring Board Member, was recognized with a plaque. Lisa Leeper, former ACSA Principal and current part-time Art Teacher, shared information with the Board about the Alaska Education Arts Consortium.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

NBMHS Principal, Teriscovkya Smith announced Bernice Sockpick as MS Student of the Month (not present), and introduced Salutatorian Cassidy Martinson and co-Valedictorians Sara James and Kaya Kent.

PRESENTATION

Amanda Block shared a presentation with the Board regarding the first year of the Nome ANSEP Acceleration Academy. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Heidi Secor, NES Teacher, shared concerns regarding smoking and public drunkenness at the NSHC patient hostel on 6th Avenue. She requested that the smoking spot be relocated so that students at recess could not see this activity.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Burgess reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes. No discussion followed.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

Student Representative, Sara James reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes. Discussion followed.

NEA Representative Heidi Secor reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

NES Principal, Michelle Carton reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

ACSA Principal, Emily Annas reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

NBMHS Principal, Teriscovkya Smith reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

Director of Facilities, Jonathan Duarte reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

Director of Technology, Jim Shreve reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes. Discussion followed.

Director of Special Education, Mary Donaldson reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

Director of Federal Programs, Karen Dixon reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

CFO, Genevieve Hollins reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

NONE

ACTION ITEMS

Member Tapqaq moved to approve the First Read of Board Policies.

Discussion followed. Motion was amended to approve the Board Policies with the exception of BP 6146.1 which was referred back to the Policy Committee.

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

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

Member Mendenhall moved to approve the FY27-FY31 Strategic Plan Mission, Vision, Values and Goals. Discussion followed.

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

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

Member Trigg moved to approve the Nome Public Schools Portrait of a Graduate.

Discussion followed.

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

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

Member Mendenhall moved to approve FY27 Final Budget Revision. Discussion followed.

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

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

Member Mendenhall moved to approve FY27 Handbooks as submitted. Discussion followed. The motion was amended to approve the NES and the NBMHS Handbooks. The ACSA handbook was returned to ACSA to include subsistence as an excused absence..

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

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

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Member Trigg shared that the Policy Committee was long but a lot was accomplished. She shared that she appreciated the opportunity to work on the I Can Statements for the Portrait of a Graduate, and also

expressed her gratitude to Member Mendenhall for her long service to the Board and to Sara James for being part of the Board as Student Representative.

Member Mendenhall shared that she was stepping down from the Board to focus on family needs, and had enjoyed her time on the Board.

Member Tahbone expressed her thanks to both Nancy and Sara. She also stated she would not be available for the May meetings.

Superintendent Burgess expressed her thanks to Nancy and Sara and told Nancy she would be missed. She reminded the Board of the upcoming Special meeting and stated that only one letter of interest had been received to date for the vacant Board seat. She asked Board members to share out with people they knew and encourage people to apply for the seat, and reminded them of the deadline for letters for the coming Friday. She also stated she had enjoyed working on the Strategic Plan, the Portrait of a Graduate and attending the Spring Boardsmanship Academy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, May 19, Special Meeting, 5:30pm, NES Library/Zoom
- Tuesday, May 26, Work Session, 5:30 pm, NES Library
- Tuesday, June 9, Regular Meeting, 5:30 pm, NES Library/Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

Member Tapqaq moved to adjourn at 7:57 pm.

Marjorie Kunaq Tahbone Date
President, Board of Education

Darlene Trigg Date
Vice President/Clerk, Board of Education