



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Nancy Rock, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: Rich Carlson, Interim Superintendent

THROUGH: Fadil Limani, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Chelsie Overby, Board Secretary

DATE: February 24, 2022

SUBJECT: **Contracts over \$10,000-
Association of Alaska School Boards**

Memo No: SB22-146
(Action Item)

2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY:

4.0 FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL STEWARDSHIP: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.

4.4 ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS: Structure the organization to operate with efficiency and better serve our students.

BOARD POLICY MANUAL:

Board Bylaw 9020, Board Standards: The Board believes that it should hold itself to high standards of performance, accountability, and conduct in order to meet the public trust that has been bestowed by the public election of each member. Therefore, the Board has adopted standards established by the Association of Alaska School Boards, which provide a framework for effective school governance and keep the Board's focus on student achievement.

Board Bylaw 9240, Board Development: The Board recognizes that in order to live up to the public trust, they must strive to meet the Board Standards they have adopted for themselves. Board members, like teachers and administrators, need training to assist them in meeting those standards. As part of their job, 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...Funds for Board development and related travel shall be budgeted annually. Such activities may include state, regional, and national workshops, conferences, conventions, such as those offered by the Association of Alaska School Boards.

- AS 14.14.160 Sec. 14.14.160. Cooperation and support of certain association functions: (a) The department and local districts may cooperate with the Association of Alaska School Boards in its in-service training program for school board members and in encouraging and fostering cooperation among the school boards affiliated with the Association of Alaska School Boards.

Issue Summary:

In accordance with applicable Board policy, contracts, and MOA's \$10,000 or greater require Board approval.

Background:

The Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) serves as a source of assistance, information, orientation, and liaison for school boards and the districts they represent. AASB provides a statewide perspective on issues of educational concern. Functions of the association include: Assist school boards in meeting established board standards for performance, accountability, and communicating their efforts and progress to the public and policy makers; Increase the influence school boards have on governmental decisions which have implications for public education; Anticipate and promote legislation for future educational needs; and provide technical assistance and information to school districts in a variety of management areas. Overall, this includes policy services, board development, school improvement, community engagement, legislative advocacy, paperless meetings through Boardbook, communication of statewide education developments, meeting facilitations in terms of training, meeting conduct, superintendent searches, etc., and improving regional school communication.

Length of Contract:

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Funding Source and Purchase/Contract Amount:

This contract will be utilized under the Professional & Technical Account Code for the Board of Education 100.200.511.000.410 in a contract amount of \$21,949.21.

Grant Funding:

There are no grant funds associated for the membership dues.

Available Budget:

Account Code 100.200.511.000.410 has an available budget of \$74,834.

Compliance with BP 3311.

AASB is an organization representing school boards in Alaska. Their membership consists of more than 330 individual board members, responsible for students who attend Alaska's public schools. Associate members include school superintendents, advisory school boards, the State Board of Education, the Commissioner of Education, and the Special Education Service Agency. The School District has conducted business with the Association of Alaska School Boards for many years. The level of service provided has met the expectations of the Board and the School District. AASB has provided a variety of innovative services to the School District which includes professional development opportunities, and legislative advocacy throughout the State of Alaska. The composition of the organization and membership services provided including the value of the membership, far exceed the financial obligation for such contract. The School District would not be able to secure such equitable services under such cost structure with another professional organization. As such, the School District waives such requirements set out in BP 3311, as the underlying contract is in the best interest of the District.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the above \$10,000 and greater proposal and related contract for the Association of Alaska School Boards in an amount not to exceed \$21,949.21 as described in this memo and related attachments.”

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Advisory Vote _____ Vote: _____