



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

TO: Robyn Burke, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator *Dsv*

FROM: Chelsie Overby, Board Secretary

DATE: February 3, 2023

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

Memo No: SB23-126
(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.

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.

BP 3312, Contracts: All contracts and MOA's \$10,000 or greater require Board approval.

Issue Summary:

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 through:

- constant communication and availability for any questions, concerns, or advice;
- monthly newsletter publications;
- weekly webinars;
- Resources for community and family engagement efforts
- Tools to help with Social Emotional efforts and Trauma engaged work for educators;
- teacher salary and benefit survey;

- administrative salary and benefit survey; and,
- classified salary and benefit survey.

This information is gained by collaborating with school districts across Alaska and other educational organizations such as Alaska Council of School Administrators (ACSA), Parent Teacher Association (PTA), National Education Association (NEA), etc... to stay up to date on educational trends and changing student needs and legal counsel on new or revised policies to match new or amended laws. AASB is also a lobbying source with both State Legislature and U.S. Congress as every year, the delegate assembly of AASB's membership, consisting of 51 schools across Alaska, review and amend the resolutions for where school district's stands on educational issues. In addition, it provides graduating seniors, from member districts, an opportunity to be awarded the June Nelson Memorial Scholarship for any needs associated with the cost of postsecondary schooling.

Additional services the district participates in as a separate service includes Boardmanship Academies, Youth Leadership activities, School Climate and Connectedness Survey, online policy manual, online Board packet services (Boardbook), and additional Board professional development opportunities.

Background:

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, 2023 through December 31, 2023

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 \$23,046.67.

Available Budget:

Account Code 100.200.511.000.410 has an available budget of \$21,003.18.

Budget Line Transfer:

A budget line transfer may be taken from Account Code 100.200.511.000.490 (Other Expenses) with an available budget of \$9,900 for the remaining \$2,043.49.

Grant Funding:

There are no grant funds associated for the membership dues.

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 for the Association of Alaska School Boards not to exceed \$23,046.67 as described in this memo SB23-126 and related attachments.”

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Advisory Vote _____ Vote: _____

Signature: *DS Vadiveloo*
DS Vadiveloo (Feb 7, 2023 15:16 AKST)

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