

## Administrator's Report- March 2022

Business Office- Fadil Limani, CFO

The Business Office continues to work in a variety of projects and is pleased to provide the following:

- The monthly financial report was completed and sent to the North Slope Borough on April 3, 2022 for the month ending February 28, 2022.
- Earlier in the month the NSEAA and the NSBSD had our Federal Mediation surrounding the negotiated agreement with the North Slope Educational Administrator's Association.
- Participated in the Quarterly AMLJIA School Advisory Committee
  - Renewal questionnaire for the upcoming year
  - Loss Control Inspections, Appraisals, General Orientation of AMLJIA services/programs
    - This will take place in the summer and early fall.
- Juneau Legislative Fly In-March 16 thru March 18, 2022
  - First, I wanted to Thank Reggie Joule and Christine Hess for their hospitality and being able to arrange the meetings and their guidance and support.
  - Also wanted to thank Board Member Hickman for her participation in the legislative fly-in and the in-depth stories and knowledge as it pertained to some of our legislative priorities was paramount and very well received by the legislatures.
  - Over the course of the two days, we have a very busy schedule and met with many of the key legislatures.
    - The School Districts legislative priorities are as follows:
      - HB 164 The Alaska Reads Act and SB111
      - We are in full support of the HB272 and HB273 surrounding the increase of the BSA and inflation proofing the foundation funding.
      - School Debt Reimbursement Program-HB350
      - Broadband Legislation HB363
      - HB220 Retirement Systems-Defined Benefit Options
      - Other areas of focus was surrounding the CTE and Technical Education especially with Senator Bishop and Representative Tuck and Representative Patkotak.
        - Currently there is HB108 sponsored by Representative McCarty surrounding the vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs for students enrolled in public secondary schools

- North Slope Borough Assembly Budget Hearing the week of March 21-24
  - After a long day of presenting and back and forth question and answers with the Assembly, I am pleased of the outcome and the level of funding the School District received in the Baseline Local Appropriation of \$36.8 million and an additional \$3.1 million for the Supplemental initiatives (i.e. Breakfast Feed Program, RLC/CTE and Village Student Activities).
- Following the Budget Hearings, the following week Director Jones and I advocated for CIP Funding for our School related Projects.
- First, I wanted to recognize Director Jones for his work with his staff in collaboration with the Borough CIP Department in getting a lot of work done over this last year. We had a burn rate of approximately \$9million this last year.

60	06-201	UpFund	NSBSD	AW	Districtwide Infrastructure Improvement	\$10,000,000
64	06-202	UpFund	NSBSD	BRW	Barrow High School Major Facility Replacement	\$27,000,000
68	06-203	UpFund	NSBSD	AIN	Alak School Renovation	\$28,000,000
72	06-204	Up fund	Ilisagvik	BRW	Ilisagvik College Design	\$13,959,000
	06-205	LOI		AW	Vocational Facilities	
78	06-206	UpFund	NSBSD	KAK	Kaktovik School Replacemrnt	\$25,000,000
					Section Total	\$103,959,000

- After 4 Days of advocating for funding, the PRC's recommendation was \$5 million for the Districtwide Infrastructure Improvement and \$4.3 for the Barrow High School.
- We have been working with the M&O Department and the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, specifically the Child Nutrition Programs to finalize the RFP for our Food Service Program. We should be able to get the RFP published very soon.
- We have completed and filed our form 471 with the Federal Communications Commission through the Universal Service Administrative Company for the upcoming fiscal year.

- We have been in communication with the Universal Services Administrative Co. in regards to the Emergency Connectivity Funding and our application is under review. Considering the Agency's lengthy review of all the applicants, they have extended the date of the Grant through June of 2023.
- We have received the majority of the IT equipment that was ordered under the ASRC Grant.
  - We are working with IT in finalizing the deployment plan for the laptops and the IPADS.
  - We have sent the IT Staff to go out to the Village sites to install some of the network switches.
  - We have also begun to see the Freezer Containers in several of our village's sites for the Food Storage. We are hopeful to get all of the village sites within the next few weeks. Additionally, we have also started receiving the heaters, the floor scrubbers and hopefully we receive everything before the year end.
- We currently have few vacancies in the Business Office and we will be looking to get some temporary help until the positions can be filled.
  - We have received a pool of candidates for few of our positions and we will begin interviews in the coming weeks to staff our operations.
- Day to day operations of the Business office and continue providing support to all the other Departments within the District.