

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 8, 2025  
5:31 pm  
NES Library/Zoom

Member Tahbone called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm Tuesday, April 8, 2025 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:**

Darlene Trigg (via Zoom, left @ 6:47 pm)	Marjorie Tahbone	Jon Gregg
Nancy Mendenhall	Sigvanna Tapqaq (via Zoom)	
Student Representative, Lyndsay Johnson		

### **Others in attendance included:**

Jamie Burgess	Alisha Papineau	Genevieve Hollins (via Zoom)
John Mortensen (via Zoom)	Mary Donaldson (via Zoom)	Michelle Carton (via Zoom)
Anna Lionas (via Zoom)	Karen Dixon	Jim Shreve
Jennifer Shreve	Nick Settle	Elizabeth Korenek-Johnson
Lisa Leeper	Larry Pederson	Levi Pederson

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Member Mendenhall moved to approve the agenda with the removal of B.7. Approval of Job Descriptions; and moved Action Items to F. Discussion followed.

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

Darlene Trigg: yes	Marjorie Tahbone: yes	Jon Gregg: yes
Nancy Mendenhall: yes	Sigvanna Tapqaq: yes	
Lyndsay Johnson (Advisory Vote): yes		

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Member Gregg moved to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting: March 11, 2025; the minutes from Special Meeting: March 25, 2025; the minutes from Special Meeting/Executive Session: March 27, 2025; the March 2025 disbursements; the March 2025 Gifts, Grants and Bequests; the March 2025 personnel report; and the out of state travel requests.

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

Darlene Trigg: yes	Marjorie Tahbone: yes	Jon Gregg: yes
Nancy Mendenhall: yes	Sigvanna Tapqaq: yes	
Lyndsay Johnson (Advisory Vote): yes		

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence included was the NPS NBHS reroof project Fremontii, LLC. owners representative board report.

### **INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS AND VISITORS**

Superintendent Burgess introduced new NES Principal, Michelle Carton.

### **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

NBMHS Teacher, Holly Harlow announced Levi Pederson and Jewell Shoogukwruk as Students of the Month for April 2025.

### **PRESENTATION**

John Mortensen presented the NBMHS roof project update.

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

NONE

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Member Gregg moved to approve classified exempt contracts for Jim Shreve and Andrew White for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

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

Darlene Trigg: yes	Marjorie Tahbone: yes	Jon Gregg: yes
Nancy Mendenhall: yes	Sigvanna Tapqaq: yes	
Lyndsay Johnson (Advisory Vote): yes		

Member Gregg moved to approve the 2025 – 2026 itinerant special education service provider contracts as presented:

Axmaker – Physical Therapy  
Lift – School Psychologist  
Pangea – Speech Therapy  
Show Me – Occupational Therapy  
Clover – Speech Pathologist and Speech Therapy  
Sunshine Services – General SPED Support  
Vertel – Autism Support

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

Darlene Trigg: yes	Marjorie Tahbone: yes	Jon Gregg: yes
Nancy Mendenhall: yes	Sigvanna Tapqaq: yes	
Lyndsay Johnson (Advisory Vote): yes		

Member Trigg moved to approve the 2025 – 2026 district calendar as presented. Discussion followed.

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

Darlene Trigg: yes	Marjorie Tahbone: yes	Jon Gregg: yes
Nancy Mendenhall: yes	Sigvanna Tapqaq: yes	
Lyndsay Johnson (Advisory Vote): yes		

Member Tahbone moved to approve the 2-year addendum to the current M&O contract with NANA Management Services. Discussion followed.

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

Darlene Trigg: yes

Marjorie Tahbone: yes

Jon Gregg: yes

Nancy Mendenhall: yes

Sigvanna Tapqaq: yes

Lyndsay Johnson (Advisory Vote): yes

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Burgess reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.  
Discussion followed.

### **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

Student Representative Lyndsay Johnson reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes. Discussion followed.

NES Principal, Nicholas Settle reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.

ACSA Principal, Lisa Leeper reported. The report is attached to the original of these minutes.  
Discussion followed.

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

Director of SPED, Mary Donaldson 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.

Director of Facilities, Jonathan Duarte 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. Discussion followed.

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

### **SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

NONE

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

Member Mendenhall commented she felt good that people were looking at problems and taking things seriously.

Member Mendenhall thanked everyone for working hard.

Member Gregg thanked Superintendent Burgess for bringing the consultant on the roof project.

Member Gregg asked if the board could see the audit results on the CTE program so they might find more ways to support it.

Member Gregg welcomed new NES Principal, Michelle Carton.

Member Gregg gave his gratitude to IT Director, Jim Shreve and was glad to be able to offer him a contract.

Member Gregg told Member Tahbone she did a wonderful job running the board meeting.

Member Tahbone suggested making changes to policy in regards to coaching contracts for long standing and respected community members so they have some security. She also brought up how the same thing happened last year with another long-term coach who did not get their contract renewed.

Superintendent Burgess said she would be putting something together for community members to be able to easily advocate for an increase in the BSA to the legislatures.

- Monday, April 14, Joint School Board and City Council Budget Work Session, 5:30 pm, City Hall
- Tuesday, April 22, Work Session, 5:30 pm, NES Library
- Tuesday, April 29, Special Meeting 5:30 pm, NES Library
- Tuesday, May 13, Regular Meeting, 5:30 pm, NES Library/Zoom
- Tuesday, May 27, Work Session, 5:30 pm, NES Library
- Tuesday, June 10, Regular Meeting, 5:30 pm, NES Library/Zoom

Member Gregg moved to adjourn at 7:01 pm.

Marjorie Tahbone  
Vice President/Clerk, Board of Education