

253rd Regular Session - UNK
Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:00 AM Alaskan

BSSD-Unalakleet
PO Box 225
Unalakleet, Alaska 99684

Milton Cheemuk: Present
Richard Elachik Sr: Absent
Anthony Haugen Sr.: Present
Jeanette Iya: Present
Edward Jackson: Present
Jane Kava: Present
Irene Navarro: Present
Willow Olson: Present
William Parks: Present
Stanley Tocktoo: Present
Annie Weyiouanna: Present
Present: 10, Absent: 1.
Annie Weyiouanna: Absent
Present: 9, Absent: 2.
Willow Olson: Absent
Present: 8, Absent: 3.

1. Call To Order

1st Vice Chair Tony Haugen Sr. called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

2. Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum

Roll call was taken. Present were: William Parks, Stanley Tocktoo, Irene Navarro, Edward Jackson, Anthony Haugen Sr, Jeanette Iya (online), Jane Kava (online), and Milton Cheemuk (online). Excused were: Annie Weyiouanna, Richard Elachik Sr., and Willow Olson.

Quorum of 8 was established.

3. Introductions

3.A. District School Board Members

District School Board Members introduced themselves and the communities they represent.

3.B. Superintendent & District Staff

Superintendent Tammy Dodd introduced herself and DO staff: Assistant Superintendent Amy Brower, HR Director Tera Cunningham, Curriculum Director Alex Roberts, Cultural Integration Director Suzzuk Huntington, Facilities Foreman LA Commack, Assistant to Superintendent and Board Kathy Commack.

3.C. Principal & Staff

Unalakleet Schools Principal Kris Busk was present.

3.D. Advisory Education Committee & Student Representative

Unalakleet Students present were: Student Government President Teyler Johnson, Vice President Josh Smith, and Journalism/Senior Violet Jack.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Student Government Students Teyler Johnson and Josh Smith read the land acknowledgement.

5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

5.A. 252nd Regular Session Minutes

Motion to approve the 252nd regular session board minutes, 8Y. This motion, made by Milton Cheemuk and seconded by Stanley Tocktoo, Passed.

Richard Elachik Sr: Absent, Willow Olson: Absent, Annie Weyiouanna: Absent, Milton Cheemuk: Yea, Anthony Haugen Sr.: Yea, Jeanette Iya: Yea, Edward Jackson: Yea, Jane Kava: Yea, Irene Navarro: Yea, William Parks: Yea, Stanley Tocktoo: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

5.B. Feb 4 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Feb 4 special meeting board minutes, 8Y. This motion, made by Irene Navarro and seconded by Edward Jackson, Passed.

Richard Elachik Sr: Absent, Willow Olson: Absent, Annie Weyiouanna: Absent, Milton Cheemuk: Yea, Anthony Haugen Sr.: Yea, Jeanette Iya: Yea, Edward Jackson: Yea, Jane Kava: Yea, Irene Navarro: Yea, William Parks: Yea, Stanley Tocktoo: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

5.C. Feb 5 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Feb 5 special meeting board minutes, 8Y. This motion, made by Edward Jackson and seconded by Stanley Tocktoo, Passed.

Richard Elachik Sr: Absent, Willow Olson: Absent, Annie Weyiouanna: Absent, Milton Cheemuk: Yea, Anthony Haugen Sr.: Yea, Jeanette Iya: Yea, Edward Jackson: Yea, Jane Kava: Yea, Irene Navarro: Yea, William Parks: Yea, Stanley Tocktoo: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

6. Public Comment (Action Input Only)

None

7. Action Items

7.A. Personnel Action

Motion to appoint the aforementioned staff to permanent status as classified employees for BSSD, 8Y. This motion, made by Edward Jackson and seconded by Stanley Tocktoo, Passed.

Richard Elachik Sr: Absent, Willow Olson: Absent, Annie Weyiouanna: Absent, Milton Cheemuk: Yea, Anthony Haugen Sr.: Yea, Jeanette Iya: Yea, Edward Jackson: Yea, Jane Kava: Yea, Irene Navarro: Yea, William Parks: Yea, Stanley Tocktoo: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

7.B. Curriculum Adoption Action

Motion to approve the purchase and adoption of: Elementary: Project Lead the Way (PLTW), Middle School: Develop a BSSD-designed curriculum, High School: McGraw Hill Science for the 2026-2027 school year with a 5-year contract, 8Y. This motion, made by Jeanette Iya and seconded by William Parks, Passed.

Richard Elachik Sr: Absent, Willow Olson: Absent, Annie Weyiouanna: Absent, Milton Cheemuk: Yea, Anthony Haugen Sr.: Yea, Jeanette Iya: Yea, Edward Jackson: Yea, Jane Kava: Yea, Irene Navarro: Yea, William Parks: Yea, Stanley Tocktoo: Yea
Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

7.C. FY27 Calendar Action

Motion to approve the FY27 school calendar as presented, 8Y. This motion, made by Jeanette Iya and seconded by William Parks, Passed.

Richard Elachik Sr: Absent, Willow Olson: Absent, Annie Weyiouanna: Absent, Milton Cheemuk: Yea, Anthony Haugen Sr.: Yea, Jeanette Iya: Yea, Edward Jackson: Yea, Jane Kava: Yea, Irene Navarro: Yea, William Parks: Yea, Stanley Tocktoo: Yea
Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

8. Discussion Items

8.A. Cultural Integration Report

8.B. Facilities Report

8.C. Superintendent Report

8.D. Correspondence: Shaktoolik AEC

8.E. Items Introduced by Board Members and Reports of Meetings Attended

8.F. Advisory Education Committee Minutes

9. Items for Next Agenda

10. Public Comment

LB: addressed the staffing reduction in SKK

KB: addressed the proposed staffing reductions in UNK

ST: thanked the board

11. Time and Place of the Next Meeting

Tentative March 26, 2026 Regular Session Board meeting in Koyuk.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:36am, 7Y. This motion, made by Milton Cheemuk and seconded by Irene Navarro, Passed.

Richard Elachik Sr: Absent, Willow Olson: Absent, Annie Weyiouanna: Absent, Milton Cheemuk: Yea, Anthony Haugen Sr.: Yea, Jeanette Iya: Yea, Edward Jackson: Yea, Jane Kava: Yea, Irene Navarro: Yea, William Parks: Yea, Stanley Tocktoo: Yea
Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

252nd Regular Session

Thursday, January 29, 2026 11:00 AM

Saint Michael, Anthony A. Andrews School, PO Box 59009, St. Michael, Alaska 99659

Milton Cheemuk: Present
Richard Elachik Sr: Present
Anthony Haugen Sr.: Absent
Jeanette Iya: Present
Edward Jackson: Absent
Jane Kava: Present
Irene Navarro: Present
Willow Olson: Present
William Parks: Present
Stanley Tocktoo: Present
Annie Weyiouanna: Present

1. Call To Order

Discussion: Madam Chair Annie Weyiouanna called the meeting to order at 11:43am.

Presenter: Annie Weyiouanna

2. Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum

Discussion: Roll Call: Present were Richard Elachik Sr., William Parks (online), Jeanette Iya, Stanley Tocktoo, Milton Cheemuk, Irene Navarro, Willow Olson, Jane Kava, and Annie Weyiouanna. Excused: Tony Haugen Sr. and Edward Jackson.

3. Introductions

3.A. District School Board Members

Discussion: Board Members introduced themselves and the communities they represent.

3.B. Superintendent & District Staff

Discussion: Superintendent Tammy Dodd introduced herself and DO staff: Tera Cunningham HR Director and Kathy Commack Admin Assistant to the Superintendent and Board.

3.C. Principal & Staff

Discussion: Principal Larry Smith introduced himself and his staff and students. He recognized the journalism class and their first school paper published. Bilingual Teacher Alice Fitka welcomed the board and introduced her middle school class who performed a Yupik dance.

3.D. Advisory Education Committee & Student Representative

Discussion: Principal Larry Smith introduced AEC members present: Bessie Nakak, Robin Steve, and Morgan Lockwood.

Student Council: Amaria Tonuchuk, Tulrun Elachik, Mary Acoman, Christine Long, Maxine Pete, Ryder Lockwood, Axel Cheemuk, Rosina Lockwood,

Chrysanthemum Lockwood, Raylin Lockwood, Lucas Knight.

Yearbook: Christopher Lockwood

Dancers/Drummers: Teacher Alice Fitka,
Christopher Lockwood, Austin Lockwood, Ryder Lockwood, Lucas Knight, John Aluska, Alex Oyoumick, Jayden Niksik, Zayden Niksik, Maxine Pete, Rosina Lockwood, Tulrun Elachik, Piper Lockwood, Anastine Long, Brooke Myre, Paulianne Elachik, Axel Cheemuk, Akira Tonuchuk, Katelyn Oyoumick, Christine Long, Gus Niksik, Kami Lockwood, Mikayla Steve, Jazmine Washington, Chrysanthemum Lockwood, Deborah Katchatag, Amari Tonuchuk, Madison Long.

4. **Land Acknowledgement**

Discussion: Richard Elachik Sr. read the land acknowledgement.

5. **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

5.A. 251st Dec 3rd Minutes

Action(s):

Motion to approve the 251st Dec 3rd meeting minutes, 9Y. This motion, made by Milton Cheemuk and seconded by Willow Olson, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk:	Yea
Richard Elachik Sr:	Yea
Anthony Haugen Sr.:	Absent
Jeanette Iya:	Yea
Edward Jackson:	Absent
Jane Kava:	Yea
Irene Navarro:	Yea
Willow Olson:	Yea
William Parks:	Yea
Stanley Tocktoo:	Yea
Annie Weyiouanna:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

5.B. Jan 8 Special Minutes

Action(s):

Motion to approve the Jan 8 Special Meeting minutes, 9Y. This motion, made by Willow Olson and seconded by Jane Kava, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk:	Yea
Richard Elachik Sr:	Yea
Anthony Haugen Sr.:	Absent
Jeanette Iya:	Yea
Edward Jackson:	Absent
Jane Kava:	Yea
Irene Navarro:	Yea
Willow Olson:	Yea

William Parks: Yea
Stanley Tocktoo: Yea
Annie Weyiouanna: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6. **Public Comment (Action Input Only)**

Action(s):

Motion to take 30 minute lunch break and reconvene at 12:45pm, 9Y. This motion, made by Irene Navarro and seconded by Stanley Tocktoo, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk: Yea
Richard Elachik Sr: Yea
Anthony Haugen Sr.: Absent
Jeanette Iya: Yea
Edward Jackson: Absent
Jane Kava: Yea
Irene Navarro: Yea
Willow Olson: Yea
William Parks: Yea
Stanley Tocktoo: Yea
Annie Weyiouanna: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Discussion: None

7. **Action Item**

7.A. Personnel Action

Presenter: Tera Cunningham

Action(s):

Motion to appoint aforementioned staff to permanent status as classified employees for BSSD, 9Y. This motion, made by Willow Olson and seconded by Stanley Tocktoo, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk: Yea
Richard Elachik Sr: Yea
Anthony Haugen Sr.: Absent
Jeanette Iya: Yea
Edward Jackson: Absent
Jane Kava: Yea
Irene Navarro: Yea
Willow Olson: Yea
William Parks: Yea
Stanley Tocktoo: Yea
Annie Weyiouanna: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion to hire aforementioned staff as professional employees at BSSD for the 2025-2026 school year,. This motion, made by Richard Elachik Sr and seconded by Irene Navarro, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk: Yea
 Richard Elachik Sr: Yea
 Anthony Haugen Sr.: Absent
 Jeanette Iya: Yea
 Edward Jackson: Absent
 Jane Kava: Yea
 Irene Navarro: Yea
 Willow Olson: Yea
 William Parks: Yea
 Stanley Tocktoo: Yea
 Annie Weyiouanna: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7.B. Impact Aid Authorization Action

Presenter: Tammy Dodd

Action(s):

Motion to authorize Tammy Dodd of BSSD as authorized signatory on the FY2026 Application for School Assistance in Federally Impacted Areas, 9Y. This motion, made by Willow Olson and seconded by Richard Elachik Sr, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk: Yea
 Richard Elachik Sr: Yea
 Anthony Haugen Sr.: Absent
 Jeanette Iya: Yea
 Edward Jackson: Absent
 Jane Kava: Yea
 Irene Navarro: Yea
 Willow Olson: Yea
 William Parks: Yea
 Stanley Tocktoo: Yea
 Annie Weyiouanna: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7.C. Indian Policies & Procedures Action

Presenter: Tammy Dodd

Action(s):

Motion to approve the Indian Policies and Procedures, 9Y. This motion, made by Milton Cheemuk and seconded by Jane Kava, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk: Yea
 Richard Elachik Sr: Yea
 Anthony Haugen Sr.: Absent
 Jeanette Iya: Yea
 Edward Jackson: Absent
 Jane Kava: Yea
 Irene Navarro: Yea
 Willow Olson: Yea
 William Parks: Yea
 Stanley Tocktoo: Yea

Annie Weyiouanna: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7.D. NANA Management Services Action

Presenter: Tammy Dodd

Action(s):

Motion to approve the MOA with NMS for \$1,440,000, 8Y 1N. This motion, made by Willow Olson and seconded by Jane Kava, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk: Yea
Richard Elachik Sr: Yea
Anthony Haugen Sr.: Absent
Jeanette Iya: Yea
Edward Jackson: Absent
Jane Kava: Yea
Irene Navarro: Yea
Willow Olson: Yea
William Parks: Yea
Stanley Tocktoo: Yea
Annie Weyiouanna: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7.E. Broker of Record Action

Presenter: Tammy Dodd

Action(s):

Motion to approve the Broker of Record Service Agreement, 9Y. This motion, made by Willow Olson and seconded by Irene Navarro, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk: Yea
Richard Elachik Sr: Yea
Anthony Haugen Sr.: Absent
Jeanette Iya: Yea
Edward Jackson: Absent
Jane Kava: Yea
Irene Navarro: Yea
Willow Olson: Yea
William Parks: Yea
Stanley Tocktoo: Yea
Annie Weyiouanna: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8. Discussion Items

8.A. C&I Data Report

Presenter: Alex Roberts

8.B. Counselor Report

Presenter: Sarah Swanson

8.C. Maintenance Report

Presenter: Matt Wirth, Chris Masters

8.D. Superintendent Report

Presenter: Tammy Dodd

8.E. AEC Minutes

9. **Items for Next Agenda**

10. **Public Comment**

Discussion: Lawrence Pete gave public comment. Daisy Katcheak gave public comment about teacher housing during power outages and a need for generators to prevent freeze ups. She requested a letter of support for a consortium to gather together to address bullying. Frank Myoumick gave public comment about assisting youth for after school wellness activities. He also suggested maintenance to address a possible fuel line cut at the tank farm.

11. **Time and Place of the Next Meeting**

Discussion: Feb 4-5 in Nome NWC for Superintendent Evaluation.

12. **Adjournment**

Presenter: Annie Weyiouanna

Action(s):

Motion to adjourn at 3:22pm, 9Y. This motion, made by Richard Elachik Sr and seconded by Jane Kava, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk:	Yea
Richard Elachik Sr:	Yea
Anthony Haugen Sr.:	Absent
Jeanette Iya:	Yea
Edward Jackson:	Absent
Jane Kava:	Yea
Irene Navarro:	Yea
Willow Olson:	Yea
William Parks:	Yea
Stanley Tocktoo:	Yea
Annie Weyiouanna:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Board Secretary

Special Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 11:00 AM

UAF Northwest Campus Nagozruk Conference, 400 Front Street, Nome, AK 99762

Milton Cheemuk: Absent
Richard Elachik Sr: Present
Anthony Haugen Sr.: Absent
Jeanette Iya: Present
Edward Jackson: Present
Jane Kava: Present
Irene Navarro: Present
Willow Olson: Present
William Parks: Present
Stanley Tocktoo: Present
Annie Weyiouanna: Present
Jane Kava: Absent

1. Call to Order

Discussion: Madam Chair Annie Weyiouanna called the meeting to order at 11:33am.

Presenter: Annie Weyiouanna

2. Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum

Discussion: Roll call was taken.

Present: William Park (online), Annie Weyiouanna, Willow Olson, Edward Jackson, Jeanette Iya, Stanley Tocktoo, and Richard Elachik Sr.

Excused: Tony Haugen, Milton Cheemuk, Jane Kava. Also present Dave Herbert with AASB.

3. Public Comment

Discussion: None

4. Executive Session - Superintendent Evaluation

Action(s):

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 11:35am, 8Y. This motion, made by Jeanette Iya and seconded by Stanley Tocktoo, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk: Absent
Richard Elachik Sr: Yea
Anthony Haugen Sr.: Absent
Jeanette Iya: Yea
Edward Jackson: Yea
Jane Kava: Absent
Irene Navarro: Yea
Willow Olson: Yea
William Parks: Yea
Stanley Tocktoo: Yea
Annie Weyiouanna: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

5. **Public Comment**

Discussion: None

6. **Adjournment**

Discussion: Adjourn at 4:45pm

Presenter: Annie
Weyiouanna

Board Secretary

Special Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2026 9:00 AM

UAF Northwest Campus Nagozruk Conference, 400 Front Street, Nome, AK 99762

Milton Cheemuk: Absent
Richard Elachik Sr: Present
Anthony Haugen Sr.: Absent
Jeanette Iya: Present
Edward Jackson: Present
Jane Kava: Present
Irene Navarro: Present
Willow Olson: Present
William Parks: Present
Stanley Tocktoo: Present
Annie Weyiouanna: Present
Jane Kava: Absent

1. Call to Order

Discussion: Madam Chair Annie Weyiouanna called the meeting to order at 9:11am.

Presenter: Annie Weyiouanna

2. Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum

Discussion: Roll Call: Present were Annie Weyiouanna, Willow Olson, Edward Jackson, Irene Navarro, Stanley Tocktoo, Jeanette Iya, Richard Elachik Sr., and William Parks. Quorum of 8 made.

3. Public Comment (Action Input Only)

Discussion: None

4. Executive Session - Superintendent Evaluation

Action(s):

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:13am, 8Y. This motion, made by Richard Elachik Sr and seconded by Willow Olson, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk: Absent
Richard Elachik Sr: Yea
Anthony Haugen Sr.: Absent
Jeanette Iya: Yea
Edward Jackson: Yea
Jane Kava: Absent
Irene Navarro: Yea
Willow Olson: Yea
William Parks: Yea
Stanley Tocktoo: Yea
Annie Weyiouanna: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

Discussion: Exit Executive Session at 11:01am.

5. **Action Item**

5.A. Superintendent Evaluation

Action(s):

Motion to accept the Superintendent Evaluation as discussed during Executive Session, 8Y. This motion, made by Willow Olson and seconded by Edward Jackson, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk:	Absent
Richard Elachik Sr:	Yea
Anthony Haugen Sr.:	Absent
Jeanette Iya:	Yea
Edward Jackson:	Yea
Jane Kava:	Absent
Irene Navarro:	Yea
Willow Olson:	Yea
William Parks:	Yea
Stanley Tocktoo:	Yea
Annie Weyiouanna:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

6. **Public Comment**

Discussion: Stanley Tocktoo thanked everyone for meeting.

7. **Adjournment**

Presenter: Annie Weyiouanna

Action(s):

Motion to adjourn at 11:05am, 8Y. This motion, made by Irene Navarro and seconded by Stanley Tocktoo, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Milton Cheemuk:	Absent
Richard Elachik Sr:	Yea
Anthony Haugen Sr.:	Absent
Jeanette Iya:	Yea
Edward Jackson:	Yea
Jane Kava:	Absent
Irene Navarro:	Yea
Willow Olson:	Yea
William Parks:	Yea
Stanley Tocktoo:	Yea
Annie Weyiouanna:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Personnel Action Items

February 26, 2026

BP 4112.2: Contracts - Certificated Personnel
BP 4216: Probationary/Permanent Status

Classified Employees for Permanent Status

Superintendent Dodd recommends the following Classified employees for permanent status:

SITE:	NAME:	POSITION:
Brevig Mission	Kenneth Rock	Secretary
Brevig Mission	Jerilynn Wellert	Bilingual/Bicultural Instructor
Unalakleet	Chara Blatchford	Indian Education Aide
Unalakleet	Tyrone Chikigak	Custodian I
District Office	Kellen Katcheak	Itinerant Skilled Tradesperson

MOTION REQUESTED: Motion to appoint aforementioned staff to permanent status as Classified Employees for the Bering Strait School District.

Alternatives:

1. Approve the aforementioned staff to permanent status,
 2. Take no final action,
 3. Table until next board meeting.
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To: BSSD Regional School Board

From: Alex Roberts, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Subject: Curriculum and Instruction Action Item

Date: Wed. 2/18/2026

Board Policy: BP 6190- Evaluation of Instructional Programs

Strategic Plan: Staff and Student Support

Science Curriculum Adoption Recommendation

After a structured review process that included both teacher rankings and community feedback, I am recommending a strategic, tiered approach to science curriculum adoption across grade levels.

This recommendation balances instructional quality, community voice, implementation capacity, and long-term sustainability.

Review Results

Teacher Rankings (in order of preference):

1. BSSD-Developed Curriculum
2. McGraw Hill
3. Imagine Learning
4. HMH
5. Stemscoopes

Community Rankings:

1. McGraw Hill
2. HMH

While the BSSD-developed curriculum ranked highest among teachers, it received no community support in the survey responses. McGraw-Hill ranked strongly in both groups.

Systems Reality

Developing a full in-house secondary science curriculum requires multiple years, dedicated curriculum writing personnel, and significant financial investment. Neighboring districts that have pursued this path hired full-time curriculum writers and committed to multi-year development cycles.

Given current staffing and workload demands, BSSD does not have the capacity to build a comprehensive high school science curriculum for implementation next year without compromising quality.

As Director of Curriculum & Instruction, I cannot responsibly recommend a path that overextends our system.

Recommended Model

Elementary School

Widely adopt Project Lead the Way (PLTW).

The program is established, standards-aligned, and functioning well in the schools that are already using it.

Estimated Cost: \$186,000 dollars (We are still waiting on a finalized quote from PLTW).

Middle School

Develop a BSSD-designed curriculum focused on:

- Alaska State Science Standards
- Phenomenon-based instruction
- Local relevance and subsistence connections
- Explicit scientific writing structures
- Reinforcement of foundational math skills

This level is manageable for internal development and allows us to build a locally responsive model with strong instructional coherence.

Estimated Cost: \$0 for curriculum.

High School

Adopt McGraw Hill Science.

Rationale:

- Top community choice
- Strong teacher support
- Comprehensive and implementation-ready
- Provides stability while we strengthen middle-level systems

Cost: \$201,684.06 dollars (including shipping).

Total Estimated Cost for K-12 Science: \$387,684.06 Dollars

Strategic Rationale

This model:

- Honors teacher expertise
- Respects community input
- Protects implementation quality
- Aligns with district capacity
- Creates coherence across grade bands
- Avoids rushed, incomplete curriculum development

Conclusion

The recommended path positions BSSD for stability at the high school level, innovation at the middle school level, and continuity at the elementary level.

It allows us to move forward with clarity, quality, and sustainability, while replacing old and outdated science materials currently used.

Alternatives:

1. Approve the action as proposed.
2. Table until the next meeting.
3. Take no final action.

ACTION NEEDED:

Administration recommends approving the purchase and adoption of the materials listed above for the 2026-2027 school year with a 5-year contract.

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BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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ACTION ITEM

To: Bering Strait School Board

From: Office of the Superintendent

Subject: FY27 School Calendar

Date: February 23, 2026

Board Policy: BP 6111 School Calendar

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

A copy of the FY27 school calendar went out to all staff in February 2026.

The feedback gathered from the staff and administrators were compiled to compose the FY27 school calendar. See attachment.

Alternatives:

1. Approve FY27 School Calendar as presented.
2. Table until the next board meeting.
3. Take no final action.

ACTION NEEDED:

The administration recommends that the school board approve an FY27 School Calendar as presented.

Bering Strait School District 2026-2027 DISTRICT School Calendar

LEGEND		August							September							October											
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C	School Closes						1			1	2	3	4	5						1	2	3					
E	End of Quarter																										
H	Legal Holiday																										
I	District Inservice Day	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10						
IS	Site Inservice Day								H																		
O	School Opens	9	10	11	12	13	14	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17						
S	Saturday Make up Day (flexible)																										
V	Vacation Day		NA/RA	RA	NT	NT	NT																				
W	Teacher Work Day	16	17	18	19	20	21	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24						
X	Emergency Closure Day		RT/IS	IS	I	I	W														E	W					
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A	All Administrators Report to Sites	# of Student Days						8	# of Student Days						21	# of Student Days						23					
NT	New Teachers Report to Sites	# of Teacher Days:						10	# of Teacher Days:						22	# of Teacher Days:						24					
RT	Returning Teachers Report to Sites	# of Admin Days:						15	# of Admin Days:						22	# of Admin Days:						24					
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TOTAL TEACHER DAYS

194
TOTAL ADMIN DAYS

5 Administrative Days for training.

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To: BSSD Regional School Board
Director of Cultural Integration

From: Suzzuk Huntington

Subject: Cultural Integration Report

Date: February 18, 2026

Board Policy:

Strategic Plan: Language and Culture, Staff Support

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Professional Development for Bilingual/Bicultural Teachers

- Regular meetings are scheduled on Fridays. When scheduling the meetings, multiple sites requested that we not meet during site designated days and district designated days. Our meetings are held during the Professional Learning Community (PLC) designated Fridays, which is the 4th Friday of each month.
- Beginning in February, I started setting up 15-30 minute check-ins with bilingual/bicultural teachers at a time and frequency of their choosing. So far, I met with three sites and am meeting with one site multiple times each week. We review resources and work on refining classroom activities to improve learning outcomes and to increase planning efficiency. It is proving to be very promising and beneficial, particularly as a mentoring/coaching tool.
- Workshop travel funds are available through the Circle of Learning Grant. We are working to determine which opportunities would be most beneficial to our cultural staff. The needs of our sites vary greatly, so we are exploring opportunities that are tied to the different subgroups, factoring in language and culture, fluency and language familiarity, teaching experience, and maintaining instruction on site.
- In September, an Inupiaq Language Intensive was held in Nome. The deadline to register was in August before the first day of work. Besides me, two BSSD employees registered because they were getting regular communication from the grassroots Inupiaq language revitalization group Ilisaqativut. BSSD supported attendance through the Circle of Learning grant.
- The Northwest Indian Language Institute offered a course in partnership with University of Oregon called "Teaching Your Language to Others" that met online on Thursday evenings for 6 weeks in the fall. I joined two cultural teachers for the class. It did not include university credit but offered wonderful opportunities to learn about language reclamation and language learning; Indigenous language teaching methods; course and lesson planning; classroom strategies and activities; language beyond the classroom. There were opportunities to share teaching methods and hear from other Native people teaching in various contexts.

Language Revitalization

- The Kaalguq Committee, a community language revitalization group in Gambell, sent a letter to the Gambell AEC and to the Superintendent expressing interest in launching language immersion in Gambell. I initially met with the Kaalguq Committee in Gambell in September. This calendar year I have been joining the weekly Akuzipik Language Learning Group that meets virtually on Thursdays to get familiar with their processes and needs. I have also started joining their planning group meetings.
- The Council for Alaska Native Languages (formerly the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council) moved from the Department of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development to the Department of Education and Early Development. This fall I regularly attended CANL meetings, including

their information gathering session. In addition to keeping up with developing needs and opportunities, I have been able to give input based on our needs to the entities that can reduce barriers and connect with cultural educational leaders throughout the state. They are currently advertising for their full time position, so they are in transition.

- Sporting events are an excellent place to hold up our languages, as it reaches the mainstream and a broad audience across all of our communities. In response to an extenuating circumstance that prevented our activities director from attending the opening ceremonies and start of the regional volleyball tournament, it provided a silver lining that may not have otherwise been part of the tournament. I opened both the tournament announcements and the student expectations in my heritage language of Inupiaq to set the tone for a place-based and sportsmanship grounded in cultural values noted through a local language. Student athletes and coaches were introduced using both their Native names and their more broadly known English names. The impact is bigger than the amount of time it takes to add those components - the pride, ownership, and sense of well-being and peace that comes with acknowledging and celebrating our Native identities permeates the building, social media, and the communities.

Cultural Days - At the start of the calendar year, I reached out to sites requesting the dates for their cultural days, with an offer to teach a variety of language or cultural arts lessons. Known upcoming cultural dates are:

- Yupik Days in Gambell - March 19-20
- Inupiaq Days in Shishmaref - April 15-17
- Cultural Days in Koyuk - April 22-23

Growing Our Own Educators

- Educators Rising continues to develop student leaders through activities that highlight school issues and celebrate educational programs and opportunities. We have great participation rates of students and sites who have completed the competitions and will be traveling to the state conference March 1-3, held at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.
 - 32 students: 16 male, 16 female; 12 middle school, 20 high school
 - 8 sites: Gambell (7), Savoonga (4), Brevig Mission (2), White Mountain (4), Golovin(2), Unalakleet (3), St. Michael (3), Stebbins (7)
 - Youth Advocacy Institute - Alaska Association of School Boards - February 6-9 in Juneau: 3 BSSD students were selected to participate in the institute after submitting applications: Uriah and Makayla from Brevig Mission and Marlene from Gambell
- Grow Your Own Summit, organized by the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Education will take place on March 1, with participants in various organizations across the state, including community organizations, school districts, institutions of higher education. In addition to our district representatives, two students from Gambell Educators Rising along with their Teacher Leader, who is newer to the profession, will attend to share their perspectives in how to set up systems for success.

Yup'ik and Inupiaq Spelling Bees

- Two sites registered for the Yup'ik Spelling Bee - Stebbins held their local bee on Feb 11 and will proceed to the District bee on site and the State bee on April 11 in Anchorage
- Three sites registered for the Inupiaq Spelling Bee at the start of the school year. After doing a mock Inupiaq Spelling Bee following the English Spelling Bee in White Mountain, we had renewed energy and interest in completing the season, including some sites committing to a concentrated late season. White Mountain held their Inupiaq spelling bee on February 18. Unalakleet will hold their bee on February 24. There may be a few others before the March 2 deadline. Tentative date for a District Bee will be between March 23-25. State bee: April 11.

ACTION NEEDED:

No action needed. Report only.



To: BSSD Regional School Board
Subject: Project Update February

From: L.A. Commack
Date: 2/26/26

Board Policy: BP 7000
Strategic Plan: Facilities & Infrastructure

Project Update Summary – February 2026

Stebbins Tukurngailnguq K-12 School

□ **Project Progress:**

- 35% Drawing Completion
- 35% Cost Estimate Completion
- 35% Schematic Narrative Completion
- 65% Design Services in Review and for approval. \$1,352,335.00
- Ranked #1 on CIP School Construction
- BSSD has agreed with the Department of Education on the reconsideration for funding with the cost per square foot for construction.
- New DEED funding \$72,766,582
- Insurance proceeds \$28,089,771
- Total \$100,856,353
- Original DEED funding \$54,871,150
- Original total funding \$120,128,285
- Difference in funding \$19,271,932
- New total square footage 51,000
- Original sq ft 56,333
- Difference in sq ft 5,333
- Lease agreement in progress with Stebbins Native Corporation.
- BSSD Design Criteria manual in progress. 16 divisions of our standards in construction.

□ **Additional Milestones:**

- Survey Completed – Working with SNC on lease agreement
- Educational Specifications – Completed
- ADM Projection – Completed
- Cultural Resources – Addressed
- Six-Year Capital Plan – Completed
- Preventive Maintenance Files – Completed (Matt Wirth)
- CIP Grant – Submitted by September 1, 2025
- Tiny Homes – 100% Complete
- **Architect:** Burkhart Croft Architectural – Commended for maintaining project momentum

Gambell Tank Farm

- **Total Budget Spent:** \$11,475.00
- **Deliverables:**
 - Cost Estimate

- Project Description
 - Scope of Work
 - Pictures
 - **CIP Major Maintenance** – Completed by September 1, 2025
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Control Systems Update

- **Shaktoolik Long DDC design upgrade:** Complete
 - **Budget Spent:** \$252,981.00
 - **Elim:** In Progress (Design Phase)
 - **Budget to Date:** \$367,444.00
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Wales Tiny Home & Life Water Project

- **Life Water System:** Shipping in progress. Budget to date \$119,946.33
 - **Gravel Pad (by Tumet):** Complete – \$135,000
 - **Arctic Pipe:** \$46,800.00
 - **Total budget to date: \$301,746.00**
 - **Tiny Homes in Golovin questionable on moving.** Bering Pacific looking into a lowboy trailer to move in summer 2026 season.
 - **Melin Mechanical:** Site visit to get a material list to complete the Water/ sewer system.
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Advisory Education Committee (AEC)

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.

- Call to Order —
- Roll Call *Quorum not met. Meeting cancelled.*
- Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Approve Agenda
- Principal's Report
- Counselor's Report
- Youth Leader's Report
- Organizations
- Public Comments (three minutes unless more granted by the AEC chairperson)
- Correspondence
- Old Business
 - a. Copies of student handbook for AEC members
 - b. Copies of yearly goals for AEC members
- New Business
 - a. Budget cuts
 - b. Spring break change
 - c. Eligibility checks
- Date for Next Meeting-December 13, 2025
- Adjourn

In Attendance:

Craig Courbron _____

Gaetano Brancalione III _____

Emily Crispel _____

We Believe That Every Student Can Succeed!

A.E.C. Minutes
01/14/26/4:30PM/GAM Schools Library

1. Call to Order: Yuka @ 4:38pm
2. Opening Prayer: Prayer read by Lucy Apatiki
3. Roll call: Yuka Ungwiluk, Melainie Campbell, Lucy Apatiki
 - a. Absent: Kim Antoghome, Sarah Campbell
4. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Wednesday conflict for AEC member, Sarah Campbell.
 - b. Melainie motions to approve, seconded by Lucy, motion carried.
5. Approval of Minutes: December 9th, 2025 Minutes: Lucy reads minutes.
Melainie motions to approve, seconded by Lucy (with corrections), motion carried.
6. Public comments
 - a. 3 minutes each for anyone signed in
 - A. Nick Riddick- Recognized students (Janissa Noongwook and Josephine Ungott) who were published in Native News Network

via Alaska Public Media. The story is being considered for the Spirit of Youth award.

b. AEC members listen

7. Board Member's Report

a. William Wiyu Parks not in attendance due to middle school basketball practice (tabled).

8. Principal's Report

a. ATSI/CSI Designation Overview and Instructional Focus Areas

b. School Improvement Planning (SIP) Team: Structure, Purpose, and Ongoing Meetings

c. MTSS/RTI Professional Development and Training (Elementary Focus)

d. Reading Interventions and Amplify/DIBELS Implementation Assessment Cycle and Alaska STAR Testing (March/April)

9. AEC Member Comments

a. Melainie asked about the next awards ceremony. Jan noted that either the end of January or beginning of February.

b. Yuka noted incentives about good attendance from previous years.

c. Lucy noted that attendance has been a concern in previous years.

10. Items for next meeting's agenda: Nothing mentioned at time of meeting.

11. Time and Place of next meeting: February 17th @ 4:30pm

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Melainie , seconded by Lucy, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.

**Kingikmiut School in Wales
School AEC Meeting Agenda
January 31, 2025*
5:00-Library**

1. Call the meeting to order.

Review Meeting Norms.

Be on time.

Stay on topic.

Be respectful.

Everyone participates.

Roll call: Welcome

- a. Robert Tokienna, Chairman**
- b. Marie Ningealook**
- c. Debra Seetook**
- d. Sherrie Crisci**
- e. Marissa Oxereok**
- f. Kevin LaBar Principal/School representative**

Old Business-

- A. Wales School has been designated as a CSI School-Lowest 5%. This is a a universal support designation.**
 1. 3-year plan of improvement, we are currenting in year zero.
 2. Year Zero means we are developing a plan to be implemented in year 1
 - a. Using Alaska Empowerment playbook as a guideline
 - b. Attendance, Testing, Graduation Rate, School Climate Survey
- B. NSEDC: still waiting on approval of grants.**
 1. Hydration Stations, Polaris Snowmachine, Stipend for pay Polar Bear Patrol
- C. Should school seek local funding from to purchase basket sled for pick-up and delivery of students?**
- D. Pop Shop: Student Council agreed to open Pop Shop**
 1. Seek Funds

NEW Business

- A. "Shelter in Place" Staff successfully followed procedures in Emergency Preparedness Procedures to deal with this.**
- B. Need location if it is necessary to evacuate students from school.**
- C. New open gym schedule. Feedback?**
- D. The school is on a fire watch 24/7 mandated by the state.**
- E. New employees hired to staff fire watch Jade Milligrock and Casey Tingook.**
- F. New on call/substitute employees Anne' Wilson and Marie Ningealook.**

- G. Caleb Okealuk signed an added duty contract to coach jr. high and little dribblers teams.
- H. After Thanksgiving dirty pots and pans left on cart with clean dishes. Not found until Monday morning.
- I. After winter break one person was hired to clean. There was no adult supervision she was late. Had to recruit another worker at the last minute. Trash was on the front porch of school for about 4 days.
- J. Using school as shelter during power failure-Feedback?
- K. Request from our last meeting-BSSD complaint process
- L. Cultural festival-Which one? What dates? The current budget allows for 8 ELIGIBLE students and 2 chaperones

Good of the order:

- a. Members may make statements or offer observations about the character or work of the organization about items that may or may not be a particular item of business listed on the agenda.

Time and date for the next meeting

Adjournment:

Unalakleet Schools AEC Meeting

January 13, 2026

Call Meeting to Order: 6:34PM by Sheri Ivanoff.

Roll Call: Present AEC Members: Sheri Ivanoff, Louisa Albright, Emily Roberts, and Matt Roesch. Kelsi Ivanoff is excused.

Approval of Agenda: Louisa moved to approve. Emily seconded.

Minutes: Louisa moved to approve the December minutes. Emily seconded.

Student Council Report: Ezra Jack.

- Student council hosted a holiday door decorating contest.
 - Festive: 4th grade;
 - Cultural: Bicultural;
 - Silly: 5th grade;
 - Movies: 2nd grade;
 - Overall: Ms. Jaimie's (12th grade);
 - Winners received hot cocoa. The ultimate winner was given a plaque, made by the student council. The plaque will be passed on to the new winner next year;
- Future plans: give over the notes from the advisory classes that were taken during the secondary workshop on Jan. 5th. Each class took notes on what changes they wanted to see at our school, and what can make it better.

Assistant Principal / Activities Report; Rayna Halverson, Assistant Principal

- Sports and Activities;
 - Wrestling team earned 1st place at Small School Champions and Academic Award for highest team GPA.
 - Basketball; Unk School hosted two-day basketball clinic for elementary and middle school students.
 - School recruiting a MS basketball coach;
 - Nordic Ski started for MS/HS last week; elementary starts this week (when it warms up :));
- Academic activities;
 - Science fair, battle of the books, spelling bee, and after-school tutoring are all underway.
 - Unk Science Fair Feb 13;
 - NACTEC/ANSEP: Anc session Feb 23-27. HS students NACTEC session #4 Feb 9-20 (emergency trauma technician, ATV/snowmachine repair, driver's ed.
- Community Engagement;
 - School-wide assembly Jan 6 featuring two motivational speakers and music;

- Family literacy night: Dec. 15 was successful. Next Literacy Night is Jan. 19.
- Anglani Day before the break was highly successful with many activities, including crafts, traditional arts, cooking, strength games, demonstrations, etc.

Principal Report: Kris, Assistant Principal.

- Anti-bullying campaign is currently underway. This is a main goal related to school climate.
- Jan 6, grades 6-12 participated in an all-day workshop. Activities included team building, presentations, etc. all focused on anti-bullying;
- 24 Hr Fire Watch. The school has a faulty fire alarm panel. District is coordinating a fix. Currently the school has hired two people to monitor the school in 12-hour shifts;
- Vacancies:
 - Certified: Special Education Teacher, Counselor;
 - Long term Special Ed sub coming soon;
- New Hires: Chara Blatchford, Indian Ed Aide; Jessie Katchatag, Cook 1;
- Nana Management Services;
 - BSSD is looking into contracting NANA management services to oversee BSSD Food Services. BSSD School Board discussed last week. Board is waiting on more information before making a decision.
- School Climate surveys district wide: January 21 - February 20;

Old Business:

- None;

New Business:

- Winter Test Results;
 - School improved in Math (K-12) improved from 43rd percentile to 58th;
 - Reading improved 8 percentage points and Language improved 7 percentage points;
- Guest Speakers;
 - Bob Lens, motivational speaker coming to Unk with a guitar player. Will work with the whole school January 16. Grades 6-12 in the morning, elementary in the afternoon.
 - Iron Dog Education Program (AK Safe Riders): visiting team members Feb 13, will host a community presentation. In the past they've done safety presentations and have given out helmets;

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Public Comments:

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Good of the Order:

- Emily is very impressed with the winter achievement schools. Awesome growth in all areas.

- Kelsi resigned from her AEC position. Kris will check with HR about the appropriate next steps. Most likely, board can appoint a person to the position for the remainder of the year.

Establishment of Next Meeting: February 17, 6:30pm.

Adjournment: Louisa moved to adjourn, Emily seconded the motion. Adjourned 7:28pm.

A.E.C. AGENDA
12/2/25/5:00PM/MPR

1. Call to order: 5:32PM by Rich Stasenko

2. Roll call: Rich Stasenko, Wilsa Sinnok, Eleanor Taft, Gary Perkins

(Principal), Maggie Gray (Assistant Principal)

- Howard (excused: not feeling well)

- Andrew (no answer)

3. Approval of Agenda:

Motioned by: Eleanor leaving it open

2nd by: Wilsa Sinnok

Topics:

- Reorganize AEC officers (postponed until the all members are present)
- Budget Updates (included in the admin reports)
- Rec list: Rich brought up being an advocate for students. Excused vs unexcused reasons, revisit the expectations. Positive reinforcements, are students being recognized, etc. Gary mentioned rewarding the 3rd grade class for highest attendance for Q1. Students were also recognized at the awards ceremony. Parent Liaison also contacts families regarding being absent. Maggie shared the recognition system and ideas being worked on with the Solutions team to improve recognition opportunities.

- Fundraising activities: Brought up how these activities are different vs the rec list. These events are where people pay money to join in the community event/rec league games.
- Admin Reports: Principal & Assistant Principal reports
- Good of the Order: asked about BOB, Math Counts, other extracurricular activities. Shared that Math Counts helped with remedial situations.

4. Approval of Minutes: Read by Rich Stasenکو. From Oct. 23rd meeting

Motioned by: Eleanor

2nd by: Wilsa

5. Public comments

- Eleanor- as a parent mentioned her son transferred to another school regarding not able to put up with a HS Teacher. Failed subject Q1. Mentioned her other son also not being able to get help from the teacher. Just put a problem on the board and just gives attitude instead of helping students. Another parent confirmed same issues with the same teachers. Teacher mentioned that there's a JR High teacher who targets him. Admin are in classrooms & there are opportunities for families/community to share their feedback.
- a. 3 minutes each for anyone signed in
 - b. AEC members do not respond just listen

6. Correspondence: N/A

7. Principal Reports

- Enrollment up to 178 students
- Went over the attendance percentages for the grade levels
- Rich recognized that it's great the percentages are in the 90th percentile.
- HFMD & sickness has impacted attendance
- Budget updates: looked into JOM funding to erase negative balances (not able to), % 2026: negative balance (thinking deposit made to the wrong acct)- take the % '25 balance and roll into the % '26. Will put '26 back into the deposit. Went over the balances in each of the SHH accounts. Moving balances back in black as opposed from being in the red.
- Feedback surveys: survey links shared out to collect data and feedback regarding admin and teachers. Post physical links (QR code) & newsletter to get more feedback. Kuupianaaniga (time for coffee-) done each month, 9-11am, next date is Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025. Just show up!
Alternatives other than coffee mentioned.

8. Asst. Principal's Report

- Share notes

9. Items for Advisory Education Committee Consideration

10. Items for next meeting's agenda

- Reorganize AEC Members
- Updates on Staff input regarding rec list, classroom management
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11. Adjournment - Time and Place of next meeting

- Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026 @ 7:00PM
- Motion to adjourn: Eleanor
- 2nd: Wilsa
- adjourned meeting at 6:45PM