



**North Slope Borough School District Board of Education  
Archie Brower Conference Room  
829 Aivik St  
Utqiagvik, Alaska 99723**

**Unapproved Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
October 22, 2025  
1:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Esther Evikana, President, called the Board of Education Regular Meeting to order at 1:10p.m. at the Archie K. Brower Conference Room and over ZOOM Video Communications in Utqiagvik, Alaska.

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** Nora Jane Burns provided words of wisdom to the Board of Education.

**FLAG SALUTE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Education.

**ROLL CALL:**

Nora Jane Burns – Present	Frieda Nageak – Present
Frieda Moore – Present	Esther Evikana – Present
Nancy Rock – Present	Seat E, District 2 – Vacant
Qaiyaan Harcharek – Absent	Student Representative – Vacant

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Nancy Rock MOVED to APPROVE the Agenda. Frieda Moore SECONDED the motion. Question called. The motion carried in a roll call vote of four yes, zero no.

Nora Jane Burns – Yes	Frieda Nageak – Yes
Frieda Moore – Yes	Esther Evikana – Not Present
Nancy Rock – Yes	Seat E – Vacant
Qaiyaan Harcharek – Absent	Student Representative – Vacant

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** includes Purchases Over 10K, Wenger Corporation; Purchases Over 10K, Subscription Renewals; Resignations; New Hire Contract Issuance; Unapproved Minutes - June 20, 2025 Regular Meeting; Unapproved Minutes - August 15, 2025 Special Meeting; AR 3450.1 Cash Handling; and, AR 3452.1 Fundraising.

Nancy Rock MOVED to APPROVE the Consent Agenda as presented. Frieda Moore SECONDED the motion. Question called, no objections. The motion carried Unanimous Consent, no objections.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** District staff, auditors, and community members were recognized as present.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION** is presented by Superintendent Vadiveloo. The District recognized the passing of Ethel Burke and Brenda Itta-Lee for their dedication to the students of the North Slope Borough School District.

**FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 NSBSD AUDIT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT** is presented by Steve Wadleigh, Altman & Rogers / Megan Williams, Director of Finance. Mr. Wadleigh presented the Independent Auditor's Report. They have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities,

each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of North Slope Borough School District (the District), a component unit of the North Slope Borough, Alaska, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In their opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of North Slope Borough School District, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The North Slope Borough School District did not have any findings that related to the financial statements and did not have any findings related to State awards.

**HIGHLIGHTED SCHOOL REPORT, EBEN HOPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL** is presented by Principal Regina Bellereide. Eben Hopson Middle School recognized student achievement; academic success; Student demonstration of leadership, character, and Iñupiat values; Staff involvement and after-school programming; Enrollment and attendance; Student testing; Staff professional development; and community communication.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT** is presented by David Vadiveloo, Superintendent. This report is a collective summary of activity of all departments from the month of September-October including: student proficiency in literacy; attendance; community engagement; career pathway opportunities; student social and emotional learning; staff development; recruitment; and operational updates.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT** is presented by Megan Williams, Director of Finance. The report reflects the financial activity of the North Slope Borough School District for the month ending August 31, 2025. As of the end of August, revenues received total approximately 30% of the budgeted projection, reflecting the Borough's first half contribution submitted at the beginning of the fiscal year. Approximately 9% of the General Fund budget has been expended, while 17% of the fiscal year (July–August) has elapsed. The Summary of Activity Report indicates that the General Fund, Pupil Transportation Fund, Community Schools Fund, Food Service Fund, and Employee Housing Fund have each expended less than the percentage of the year elapsed, which is consistent with the school year beginning in August and expenditures expected to increase in the coming months. Cash in the general checking account as of August 31, 2025, totaled \$48,532,489.

**ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE** was presented by Dr. Caitlin Santos, Director of Curriculum & Instruction. The report provided enrollment and attendance by site in comparison to the previous school year's student count and percentage of increase or decrease from the previous month. This includes a chart year over year of enrollment summary beginning 2020 and year over year attendance throughout a school year and attendance for the month of September. Attendance as a whole has improved from last school year and the year prior.

**CONTRACTS \$50K AND OVER, DISTRICT COMPUTER REFRESH** is presented by Reggie Santos, Director of Information Technology. The Board reviewed a proposal to reestablish a four-year districtwide student device refresh cycle using \$1.5 million in CIPM funds and a \$766,000 contribution from the fund balance. The total refresh cost is approximately \$2.2 million, with an estimated \$580,000 in resale value after four years, reducing the net district cost to less than \$200,000. The purchase includes 1,905 MacBook Air (M4) devices, 70 iMacs, and 400 iPads with AppleCare+. The plan addresses aging devices, reduces reliance on one-time grants, and establishes a sustainable funding model aligned with the

Board's Strategic Plan by supporting financial stability, operational efficiency, and equitable student access to technology.

Frieda Nageak MOVED to APPROVE to authorize the Superintendent or designee to purchase student MacBook Airs, iMacs, and iPads with AppleCare, as outlined in Apple Quote 2112285999, in the amount of \$2,266,330, funded by \$1,500,000 CIPM allocation and \$766,330 from FY24/25 fund balance, with the intent to resell devices at the end of the 4-year cycle and apply proceeds (~\$581,000 projected) to offset future refresh costs, pursuant to BP 3300/3310/3311/3312 and BP 3440. Nora Jane Burns SECONDED the motion. Question called, no objections. The motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION 26-01, CERTIFICATION OF CSAC ELECTION RESULTS** was presented by Chelsie Overby, Executive Assistant. The Board adopted a resolution certifying the results of the Community School Advisory Council (CSAC) elections held on October 7, 2025, in conjunction with the municipal elections. Election results were validated for Anaktuvuk Pass, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, and the Barrow polling location in Utqiagvik. Due to a lack of election workers, the Browerville polling location in Utqiagvik will hold its CSAC election during the November 4, 2025 general election. Several seats across Anaktuvuk Pass, Atqasuk, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, and Wainwright will require Board appointment due to insufficient candidates or eligible write-in votes. The resolution also declared elected members for certified seats, referred one unresolved Point Lay seat to the Board CSAC Committee for appointment, and directed the District to notify elected candidates and coordinate administration of the oath of office.

The certified election results declared Jimmy Ahgook Jr. (Anaktuvuk Pass), Maryanne Napageak (Nuiqsut), Rex Rock Sr., Rochelle Frankson, and Charlie Johnson (Point Hope), and Perry Pikok (Point Lay) as elected to their respective CSAC seats.

Frieda Nageak MOVED to APPROVE the resolution as presented. Frieda Moore SECONDED the motion. Question called, no objections. The motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

Frieda Nageak MOVED to APPROVE that NSBSD Board of Education Liaisons receive reports where required on the operation of the CSAC and address appointments, resignations, removal of CSAC members. Frieda Moore SECONDED the motion. Question called, no objections. The motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

**FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY 8020, ELECTIONS** was presented and read by Chelsie Overby, Executive Assistant. The Board reviewed Board Policy BP 8020 regarding CSAC elections, which currently requires at least two declared candidates for an election to be held. During the recent election, several seats had only one or no candidates, which would have resulted in Board appointments rather than elections. Community members expressed concern about the potential loss of local voice. Administration delayed implementation of the policy due to timing and is recommending an amendment to allow an election when at least one candidate has declared, maintaining write-in options and community participation. Any revision would follow the required two-reading policy process.

Frieda Moore MOVED that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the first reading of BP 8020, Elections, as described in this memo SB26-045 and attachments. Nora Jane Burns SECONDED the motion. Question called, no objections. The motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments were received by the Board of Education.

**SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS:** Board comments regarded staff appreciation, community engagement and student athletics.

**SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING:** November 10, 2025 Board Orientation in Anchorage, AK, November 11, 2025 Work Session & Regular Meeting in Anchorage, AK and over Zoom Communications.

**ADJOURNED AT 3:28 P.M.** Frieda Moore MOVED to ADJOURN. Nora Jane Burns SECONDED the motion. The meeting stands adjourned.

Respectfully submitted for the March 17, 2026 Regular Meeting:

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Marie Stackhouse, Board Secretary

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Esther Evikana, Board President

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Frieda Nageak, Board Clerk