

NWABSD Board of Education Special Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2024 1:00 PM

Microsoft Teams, 744 Third Ave., Kotzebue, AK 99752

1.	I.	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, Board President
2.	II.	<u>MOMENT OF SILENCE</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, Board President
3.	III.	<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, Board President
4.	IV.	<u>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/STAFF</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, Board President
5.	V.	<u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, Board President
6.	VI.	<u>ACTION ITEMS</u>	
7.			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NWABSD Memorandum 25-028 Approval of FY24 Audit Financial Statements	
8.			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NWABSD Memorandum 25-029 Adoption of Resolution 25-002; Approval for recommend to AASB on the State Board Appointment	
9.			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NWABSD Memorandum 25-030 Approval of letter to the Governor on State Board Appointment	
10.	VII.	<u>DATE, TIME & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
11.	VIII.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education Members

DATE: November 7, 2024

NUMBER: 25-028

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of FY24 Audited Financial Statements

ABSTRACT:

The board approves Audited Financial Statements

ISSUE:

At issue is the approval of the FY24 Audited Financial Statements.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The District is required by State law to have an annual audit performed by independent auditors. The annual financial audit is an independent and unbiased examination of the District's financial information. It is required that the FY24 Audited Financial Statements be sent to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development by November 15th of each year and be approved by the board. Altman, Rogers & Co. presented the FY24 financial statement information and auditor opinions to the Board during the Special November 8, 2024, meeting.

The FY24 Audited Financial Statements cover the operation of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the FY24 Audited Financial Statements as presented;
2. Disapprove the FY24 Audited Financial Statements as presented;
3. Take no action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the FY24 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: November 7, 2024

NUMBER: 25-029

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution
25-002; Approval for
recommend to AASB
on the State Board
Appointment

ABSTRACT:

The administration requests approval of a Resolution supporting a resolution from AASB to the Governor and Alaska State Legislature on the appointments of State Board members representing specific judicial districts.

ISSUE:

The Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development board members are appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Alaska State Legislature, and oversees the state's education system. Board members appointed to represent a specific judicial district should reside in that judicial district for adequate representation.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Appointments to the Alaska State Board of Education are outlined in AS 14.07.085. AS 14.07.085 provides that members of the board shall be appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in a joint session. One member shall be appointed from each of the four judicial districts and three from the state at large, with at least one member representing regional education attendance areas. Appointees from a judicial district should reside in the district they represent as required by law to adequately represent the interests of the school districts within each judicial district. Representation from each judicial district provides balanced representation from all school districts across the state and is important for equal and fair representation.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Adopt Resolution 25-002 approving Resolution supporting AASB's recommendation to the Governor and Alaska State Legislature on the appointments of State Board members representing specific judicial districts.
2. Do not approve Resolution 25-002 supporting AASB's recommendation to the Governor and Alaska State Legislature on the appointments of State Board members representing specific judicial districts.
3. Take no action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

1. The administration recommends the Board adopt the Resolution supporting AASB's recommendation to the Governor and Alaska State Legislature on the appointments of State Board members representing specific judicial districts.

A RESOLUTION OF

Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education

Resolution 25- 002

A Resolution of the School Board of Education of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District supporting AASB’s recommendation to the Governor and Alaska State Legislature on the appointments of State Board members representing specific judicial districts.

WHEREAS, Appointments to the Alaska State Board of Education are outlined in AS 14.07.085. AS 14.07.085 provides that members of the board shall be appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session.

WHEREAS, One member shall be appointed from each of the four judicial districts and three from the state at large, with at least one member representing regional education attendance areas.

WHEREAS, Appointees from a judicial district should reside in the district they represent as required by law and to adequately represent the interests of the school districts within each judicial district.

WHEREAS, Representation from each judicial district provides balanced representation from all school districts across the state and is important for equal and fair representation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Northwest Arctic Borough School District, supports the mission and vision of the Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development and encourages AASB to support that Board members that are appointed to represent a specific judicial district reside in that judicial district for adequate representation.

ADOPTED, November 7, 2024 at a duly convened meeting of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education at which a quorum was present and voting:

ATTEST:

Magaret Hansen, NWABSD Board President

Tillie Ticket, NWABSD Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: January 24, 2024

NUMBER: 25-030

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Adoption of
Memorandum 25-030.
Approval of letter to the
Governor and Legislators

ABSTRACT:

The administration requests approval of the letter written in support of the Governor rescinding the appointment of Kimberly Bergey and appointing a resident of the second judicial district to the State Board of Education.

ISSUE:

Governor Dunleavy has appointed Kimberly Bergey, a resident of Palmer, as the representative on the State Board of Education from the second judicial district. Kimberly Bergey does not live within the boundaries of the second judicial district. The second judicial district serves the boroughs of Nome, North Slope, and the Northwest Arctic and the school districts within those boundaries.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Since March, the seat had been vacant after the term of Unalakleet resident Jeffrey Erickson expired. The governor's website still does not mention that Bergey was appointed to the state school board at all, though it has been more than two months since she was named. Board members who are appointed to represent a specific judicial district should reside in that judicial district as required by law and to provide for adequate representation. Representation from each judicial district provides balanced representation from all school districts across the state and is important for equal and fair representation on a statewide board. Requiring board members to live in each judicial district allows the board members to hear directly from the region and its residents about each area's school funding, curriculum, culture, language, and infrastructure needs. As one of the largest states in the USA and with a diverse mix of residents and cultures, it is even more important that all school districts have regional representation.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Memorandum 25-030 in support of the letter to the Governor rescinding the appointment of Kimberly Bergey and appointing a resident of the second judicial district to the State Board of Education.
2. Do not approve Resolution 25-030 in support of the letter to the Governor rescinding the appointment of Kimberly Bergey and appointing a resident of the second judicial district to the State Board of Education.
3. Take no action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the board approve Memorandum 25-030 in support of the letter to the Governor rescinding the appointment of Kimberly Bergey and appointing a resident of the second judicial district to the State Board of Education.

Re: Letter regarding State Board of Education Appointment

It has recently come to our attention that Governor Dunleavy appointed Kimberly Bergey, a resident of Palmer, as the representative on the State Board of Education from the second judicial district. The second judicial district serves the boroughs of Nome, North Slope and the Northwest Arctic and the school districts within those boundaries. Since March, the seat had been vacant after the term of Unalakleet resident, Jeffrey Erickson expired. The governor's website still does not mention that Bergey was appointed to the state school board at all, though it has been more than two months since she was named.

Appointments to the Alaska State Board of Education are clearly set forth in AS 14.07.085. AS 14.07.085 provides that members of the board shall be appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. Board members oversee the state's education system. One member shall be appointed from each of the four judicial districts and three from the state at large, with at least one member representing regional education attendance areas.

Board members that are appointed to represent a specific judicial district should reside in that judicial district as required by law and to provide for adequate representation. Representation from each judicial district provides balanced representation from all school districts across the state and is important for equal and fair representation on a statewide board. Requiring board members to live in each judicial district gives the board member the opportunity to hear directly from the region and its residents about each areas school funding, curriculum, cultural, language and infrastructure needs. As one of the largest states in the USA and with a diverse mix of residents and cultures it is even more important that all school districts have regional representation.

We urge Governor Dunleavy to rescind the appointment of Kimberly Bergey and appoint a resident of the second judicial district to the State Board of Education.

Northwest Arctic Borough School District

North Slope Borough

Bering Straits School District

Nome School District