

NWABSD Special Meeting

Monday, March 24, 2025 4:00 PM

District Office Boardroom, 744 Third Ave., Kotzebue, AK 99752

1.	<u>CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, President
2.	<u>MOMENT OF SILENCE</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, President
3.	<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, President
4.	<u>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/STAFF</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, President
5.	<u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>	
6.	<u>RECOGNITION AND AWARDS</u>	Presenter: Terri Walker, Superintendent
7.	<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, Board President
8.	<u>DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
9.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education Members

DATE: March 24, 2025

NUMBER: 25-089

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of
Superintendent's Out-of-
District Travel

ABSTRACT:

Superintendent's out-of-district travel requires Board approval.

ISSUE:

At issue is to approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Request for Out-of-District Travel by the Superintendent

Upcoming Travel Dates:

1. LSAIL is Language Screeners for Alaska Indigenous Languages. The panel meets April 30 - May 1. Anchorage Alaska
2. Alaska Native Language Summit May 2, 2025. Anchorage Alaska

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented;
2. Do not approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: March 24, 2025

NUMBER: 25-090

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: E-Rate Bid Award; GCI,
Inc.

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Track 1: Operational Improvements
Initiative: Optimize Business Practices

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required for contracts exceeding \$50,000.

ISSUE:

At issue is the E-Rate bid award to GCI, Inc. to provide the NWABSD Internet.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

NWABSD relies heavily upon E-Rate subsidies for its internet.

GCI Education Service Order E-Rate eligible annual recurring charges total \$12,899,400.00 per year for five (5) years.

Pending USAC approval of the new 2025-2026 E-Rate funding application, the district will receive a funding discount currently calculated at 90%; the district is responsible for the remaining 10%, or \$1,289,940.00 per year, for five (5) years.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award the E-Rate bid to GCI, Inc. in the amount of \$1,289,940.00 per year for five (5) years; to provide internet as presented;
2. Do not award the E-Rate bid to GCI, Inc. as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board award the E-Rate bid to GCI, Inc. in the amount of \$1,289,940.00 per year for five (5) years; to provide internet as presented.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: March 24, 2025

NUMBER: 25-091

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of site grade
level changes: JNES/KMHS

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Student Learning: Strengthen Student Progress Monitoring

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required to make grade level changes (changes in school membership/demographics) at sites within the district.

ISSUE:

School membership(demographic) changes at Kotzebue Schools. Proposed changes: June Nelson Elementary school to include the sixth-grade cohort as part of their school membership. Kotzebue Middle/High School student demographics would change to 7th-12th grade students. This change to be initiated in the 2025-26 school year.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The leadership at the June Nelson School and Kotzebue Middle/High School discussed changes to the student grade cohort and brought their proposal to the March 11th ASC meeting. A proposal was made to move the 6th grade to JNES so the sixth grade students could be served within an elementary school setting. See attached meeting notes. The local ASC unanimously supported this proposed changes to start next school year (2025-26).

A district can request an amendment for school membership (grade levels served) to be adjustment for individual schools' sites, however this request must be made in writing to the commissioner's office. For the requested grade changes the following must be submitted to the commissioner office.

1. A copy of the local school board minutes approving of the grade change.
2. A written request for the Commissioners approval

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the proposed JNES and KMHS grade level changes as presented.
2. Disapprove the proposed JNES and KMHS grade level changes as presented.
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends board approval of the proposed JNES and KMHS grade level changes as presented.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: March 24, 2025

NUMBER: 25-092

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of FY26
Memorandum of
Agreement; GSD
Educational Services

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Student Learning: Strengthen student progress monitoring.

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000.

ISSUE:

At issue is the Board's approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with GSD Educational Services not to exceed \$65,000 as presented.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

GSD Educational Services provides reporting services to meet state and federal requirements. The consultant has a history of working effectively within our district and throughout the state to produce required federal and state reports. Services included in this MOA: Completion and submission of the Alaska Military Youth Academy Dropout Report, Gathering and preparation of information necessary to complete the federal Civil Rights Data Collection, Completion and submission of the Alaska Fall OASIS report and preparation of the FY27 Projected Enrollment, Completion of the Migrant Course History report twice annually, Completion and submission of the Alaska Suspension and Expulsion report, Completion, and submission of the Alaska Summer OASIS report. Aggregation of data for, and submission of the Alaska Report Card Data Collection, Preparation of rosters for the AK STAR and Alaska Science tests, Import of test scores into PowerSchool, PowerSchool support for district staff.

The MOA, which includes travel, is for \$65,000

Funding Sources:

Fund 100 Assessment and Data= \$65,000

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for GSD Educational Services, in the amount not to exceed \$65,000
2. Disapprove the MOA for GSD Educational Services as presented
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends board approval of the MOA with GSD Educational Services, in the amount not to exceed \$65,000 as presented.