

NWABSD Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 4:00 PM

Microsoft Teams, 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>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, President
6.	<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, Board President
7.	<u>RECOGNITION & AWARDS</u>	Presenter: Terri Walker, Superintendent
8.	<u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</u>	Presenter: Terri Walker, Superintendent
9.	<u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, Board President
10.	<u>ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, Board President
11.	<u>OATH OF OFFICE: NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS</u>	
12.	<u>COMMUNICATIONS & ITEMS INTRODUCED BY BOARD MEMBERS</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, Board President
13.	<u>DATE, TIME, & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING</u>	Presenter: Margaret Hansen, Board President
14.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: September 29, 2026

NUMBER:

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Superintendent's Report

Attendance

8/13/26 - 9/24/26

AMB	88.90%
BKC	87.00%
DRG	88.76%
IAN	82.22%
KVL	81.31%
OBU	95.80%
JNES	89.61%
KMHS	82.21%
WTK	81.28%
ORV	87.27%
WLK	77.50%
SHG	79.87%
District	85.30%

Congratulations to the staff and students of Kobuk, who is maintaining above a 95% attendance rate. Keep up the great work in getting students to school.

Attendance continues to be a challenge. We can only continue to work towards improvement and will need the help of all stakeholders. Discussions, along with a plan will be developed and put into place. More to come.

Enrollment

As of September 14, 2026. Pre-K–12 enrollment is currently 1,815 students, with K–12 enrollment at 1,724 students. We will continue to see a drop with the October count coming up, as students who have 10 consecutive absences are dropped from enrollment.

Introducing new leadership

Thank you to Kerry Saylor, Kotzebue interim principal, who completed his last week with us on September 24, 2026. Jeremy Millard will be on board with us September 27. A huge welcome to Jeremy.

I would also like to Welcome Wanda Nauyaq Baltazar to the Iñupiaq Programs Team. We are excited with the experience Nauyaq brings in Language and Culture. She will be a valuable asset to the team.

Alaska's Education Challenge

See Document attached that shows the State Board of Education list of priorities. In preparation of the development of our next strategic plan, I thought I would share this.

Quyaanna,

Terri Walker, Superintendent

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Alaska's Education Challenge (AEC)



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1

Support ALL students to read at grade level by the end of third grade.

K–3 Literacy Benchmark Achievement

The number of Kindergarten-Grade 3 students performing at or above benchmark on the literacy screener will increase by 10 percent from the End-of-Year 2026 baseline by End-of-Year 2029, as measured by the mCLASS DIBELS 8 Curriculum-Based Measures.

Grade 3 Literacy Proficiency

The number of Grade 3 students scoring proficient or above in English Language Arts (ELA) will increase by five percent from the Spring 2026 baseline by Spring 2029, as measured by the Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR).



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2

Increase career, technical, and culturally relevant education to meet student and workforce needs.

3-Year Perkins CTE Concentrators

High school students who complete two credits of Perkins-approved CTE courses in a program of study (CTE concentrators) will increase by 25 percent over three years from the 2026 baseline by 2029, as reported in the Carl Perkins All-In-One Reports and Summer OASIS submissions.

3-Year Alaska Performance Scholarship

High school graduates eligible for the Alaska Performance Scholarship through Option B, which includes 2 credits of CTE coursework, will increase by six percent from the 2026 baseline by 2029, as reported in the Summer OASIS submissions.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3

Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources.

3-Year Literacy

The number of Grade 3-9 students scoring proficient or above in English Language Arts (ELA) will increase by six percent from the Spring 2026 baseline by Spring 2029, as measured by the Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR).

3-Year Math

The number of Grade 3-9 students scoring proficient or above in Mathematics will increase by six percent from the Spring 2026 baseline by Spring 2029, as measured by the Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR).



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4

Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals.

3-Year Career Pathway Participation

The percentage of high school seniors who complete two consecutive Perkins-approved CTE courses or an approved dual credit sequence within an Education career pathway will increase by 25 percent over three years from the 2026 baseline by 2029, as reported in the district Carl Perkins All-In-One Reports and the Career and Technical Student Organization report.

3-Year Educator Apprenticeship Program

The percentage of educators participating in either a U.S. Department of Labor-approved apprenticeship pathway or the Green to Teach pathway to certification will increase by 25 percent over three years from the 2026 baseline by 2029, as reported to the Alaska Office of Apprenticeship and DEED.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5

Improve the safety and well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities, and tribes.

3-Year Bullying and Harassment Reduction

The percentage of students involved in bullying, harassment, and cyberbullying incidents resulting in suspensions or expulsions will decrease by nine percent from the 2026 baseline by 2029, as reported in the bullying, suspension, and expulsions data.

3-Year Chronic Absenteeism

The percentage of students identified as chronically absent will decrease by six percent from the 2026 baseline by 2029, as reported in the State of Alaska annual accountability reporting system.

One Shared Planning Framework: Two Paths to Improve Student Learning Outcomes



SEA ACTION PLAN

DEED will align its programs, resources, technical assistance, funding, and continuous improvement efforts to advance the State Board of Education's Alaska's Education Challenge Strategic Priorities and SMART Goals.

GOAL

- AK Education Challenge Strategic Priority
- State Board SMART Goal
- Performance Measures
 - Performance Indicators
 - Data Source
 - Baseline
- Annual Targets (Year 1–3)



STRATEGY

- If - Then Statement (How DEED's strategy will drive improvement in student outcome)
- Implementation Measures
 - Implementation Indicators
 - Data Source
 - Baseline
- Annual Targets (Year 1–3)



ACTION PLAN

- Actions
- Anticipated Output/Deliverable
- Timeline
- Person Responsible
- Collaborators

DEED monitors progress and provides technical assistance, resources, and continuous support to advance outcomes statewide.



LEA STRATEGIC PLANNING TOOL

May be used by local education agencies (LEA) to develop strategic plans aligned to the Alaska Education Challenge while addressing local priorities and needs.

GOAL

STRATEGY

ACTION PLAN

Districts may use this tool to plan, implement, and monitor strategies that improve outcomes for their students and communities.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING TOOL

May be used by schools to develop strategic plans aligned to the Alaska Education Challenge while addressing local priorities and needs.

GOAL

STRATEGY

ACTION PLAN

Schools may use this tool to plan, implement, and monitor strategies that improve outcomes for their students and communities.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 28, 2026

NUMBER: 27-008

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approve
Acceptance of
FY27 Funding -
Buckland K-12
School Boiler
Replacement

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Goal 4: Support Systems
Strategy 3: Improve School Facilities

ABSTRACT:

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

ISSUE:

At issue is board acceptance of State of Alaska DEED FY27 funding for Buckland K-12 School Boiler Replacement of \$271,440 and provide an additional match not to exceed \$41,331.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Two phases of work have been completed on the heating, ventilation and building controls systems in Buckland School since 2023. Borough, District and Denali Commission have funded this work. Module C Boiler replacement is the final phase of the originally intended work. January 2026 Memo 26-072 approved up to \$75k in design work by RSA Engineering and EHS Alaska. RSA's contract is in place, and EHS's contract is in process. Project will bid late 2026 for 2027 execution. A total match of \$116,331 is needed, thus a remaining \$41,331 commitment is requested of the Board.

FUNDING SOURCE:

State of Alaska DEED Grant and Capital Improvement Funds

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Acceptance of FY27 Funding for Buckland K-12 School Boiler Replacement of \$271,440 and approve a match not to exceed \$41,331 as presented;
2. Do not Approve Acceptance of FY27 Funding for Buckland K-12 School Boiler Replacement of \$271,440 and do not approve a match not to exceed \$41,331 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board Approve Acceptance of FY27 Funding for Buckland K-12 School Boiler Replacement of \$271,440 and approve a match not to exceed \$41,331 as presented.

ATTACHMENT:

GR 27-025 Project Budget

Date Stamp: August 17, 2026

Buckland K-12 School Boiler Replacement

Budget

Admin (District)	\$5,000.00
Site Investigation	\$0.00
Design	\$75,000.00
CM-In-house	\$0.00
Construction	\$225,267.00
FFE	\$0.00
Technology	\$4,000.00
Art	\$0.00
Contingency	\$63,504.00
Construction Mng Consult	\$15,000.00
	\$387,771.00

School Construction Grant \$271,440.00 FY27 DEED grant 27-025

TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS \$116,331.00 Local share - Memos 26-072 & 27-008

Other Sources	
	\$387,771.00

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 28, 2026

NUMBER: 27-009

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approve
Acceptance of
FY27 Funding -
Deering K-12
Replacement
School

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Goal 4: Support Systems
Strategy 3: Improve School Facilities

ABSTRACT:

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

ISSUE:

At issue is board acceptance of State of Alaska DEED FY27 funding for Deering K-12 Replacement School of \$6,000,000 and provide a match not to exceed \$2,571,429.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

DEED has awarded the project FY27 funding to advance the design to 65% complete, construct the gravel pad and install the school's piles. Gravel pad construction will be bid this fall as required by DEED. If DOT contractor Brice Inc. is the successful bidder, gravel pad work will be completed in March/April 2027 and piles installed in March/April '28. Otherwise, work will be completed in late '27 to early '28.

There was approximately \$850k in Borough bond funding left over from the Kivalina Replacement School project. Upon Board direction, this could be requested for reuse to support the match required for this new grant.

FUNDING SOURCE:

State of Alaska DEED Grant and Capital Improvement Funds

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Acceptance of FY27 Funding for Deering K-12 Replacement School of \$6,000,000 and approve a match not to exceed \$2,571,429 as presented;
2. Do not Approve Acceptance of FY27 Funding for Deering K-12 Replacement School of \$6,000,000 and approve a match not to exceed \$2,571,429 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board Approve Acceptance of FY27 Funding for Deering K-12 Replacement School of \$6,000,000 and approve a match not to exceed \$2,571,429 as presented.

ATTACHMENT:

GR 27-002 Project Budget

Date Stamp: August 17, 2026

Deering K-12 School Replacement -

65% Design, Gravel Pad & Pile

Budget

Admin (District)	\$80,000.00	
Site Investigation	\$100,000.00	
Design	\$1,400,000.00	Memo 27-010 August 2026
CM-In-house	\$0.00	
Construction	\$6,586,429.00	
FFE	\$0.00	
Technology	\$5,000.00	
Art	\$0.00	
Contingency	\$350,000.00	
Construction Mng Consult	\$50,000.00	
	\$8,571,429.00	
School Construction Grant	\$6,000,000.00	FY27 DEED grant 27-002, Memo 27-009
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$2,571,429.00	Local share - Memo 27-009
Other Sources		
	\$8,571,429.00	

Note: District does not have exact budget confirmed with DEED at this time, but we anticipate the budget to generally reflect the above

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 28, 2026

NUMBER: 27-010

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approve
Design Contract
Increase - Deering
K-12 Replacement
School

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Goal 4: Support Systems
Strategy 3: Improve School Facilities

ABSTRACT:

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

ISSUE:

At issue is board approval of an increase to the Burkhart Croft design team's contract for Deering K-12 Replacement School not to exceed \$1,400,000.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

DEED has awarded the project FY27 funding to advance the design to 65% complete, construct the gravel pad and install the school's piles. An increase in the existing design contract is needed for 65% design services and documentation. Separate bid packages for the gravel pad construction and pile installation are part of this contract, as is geotechnical investigations.

FUNDING SOURCE:

FY27 State of Alaska DEED Grant and Capital Improvement Funds

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Design Contract Increase - Deering K-12 Replacement School not to exceed \$1,400,000 as presented;
2. Do not Approve Design Contract Increase - Deering K-12 Replacement School not to exceed \$1,400,000 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board Approve Design Contract Increase - Deering K-12 Replacement School not to exceed \$1,400,000 as presented.

ATTACHMENT:

None

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 28, 2026

NUMBER: 27-011

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approve
Acceptance of
HAPPP Funding -
Noatak Duplexes

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Goal 4: Support Systems
Strategy 3: Improve School Facilities

ABSTRACT:

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

ISSUE:

At issue is Board acceptance of Housing Alaskans Public Private Partnership grant of \$150,000.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

District has been awarded \$150,000 through a grant from Housing Alaskans Public Private Partnership (HAPPP). Funds will supplement the completion of the Noatak duplexes, primarily funded by two Alaska Housing Finance Corporations FY25 grants, and already committed District match. Two duplexes will be constructed, providing four new units near the school where existing teacher housing is located.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Housing Alaskans Public Private Partnership (HAPPP)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Acceptance of HAPPP Funding- Noatak Duplexes of \$150,000 as presented;
2. Do not Approve Acceptance of HAPPP Funding- Noatak Duplexes of \$150,000 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board Approve Acceptance of HAPPP Funding- Noatak Duplexes of \$150,000 as presented.

ATTACHMENT:

None

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 28, 2026

NUMBER: 27-012

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approve
Increase to H
Construction
Contract – Davis
Ramoith

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Goal 4: Support Systems
Strategy 3: Improve School Facilities

ABSTRACT:

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

ISSUE:

At issue is potential and likely contract increases to H Construction, LLC's contract not to exceed \$900,000.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Construction work is in progress and will continue into fall 2027. This authorization does not automatically increase their contract. Board approval is only intended to have authorization in place if and when change orders occur. Project is in budget with minimal change orders so far. Funding is from already approved and secured sources. This action moves funding from other budget line items, including project contingency, for potential construction contract increases.

FUNDING SOURCE:

State of Alaska DEED Grant, Borough funds (Fire Alarm only) and Capital Improvement Funds

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Increase to H Construction Contract – Davis Ramoith in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 as presented;
2. Do not Approve Increase to H Construction Contract – Davis Ramoith in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board Approve Increase to H Construction Contract – Davis Ramoith in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 as presented.

ATTACHMENT:

None

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: September 28, 2026

NUMBER: 27-025

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approve Contract for
Construction – Secure
Vestibules

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Goal 4: Support Systems
Strategy 3: Improve School Facilities

ABSTRACT:

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

ISSUE:

At issue is approval of a contract for construction to Convergent Technologies, LLC for the Secure Vestibule Code Modifications project not to exceed \$600,000.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The administration is requesting approval of a contract for construction to Convergent Technologies for work on the front entrances of all schools, except Selawik. Selawik's front vestibule is being addressed as part of the Davis-Ramoth Renovation Project.

Every school across the district has a door hardware system designed to keep intruders out of the building, specifically during school hours. The current configuration is not compliant with life safety codes as required by the State Fire Marshal.

Convergent Technologies was selected for this work because they are the contractor on the Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 sites project. One of the existing non-compliant issues, is the doors are not released by the fire alarm system. A competitive bid is not required for the secure vestibule work because they are a Sourcewell contractor, which means their services have already been publicly procured. The following schools may be addressed as part of that project if funding allows: Ambler, Buckland, June Nelson Elementary, Kotzebue Middle High School and Shungnak. Funding availability will not be known until the fire system project is further advanced. The remaining schools have no other project work scheduled; thus, this contract and funding is the only way for them to be resolved. These schools will be addressed first as it is determined if there is any available funding under the Fire System project.

District may apply to DEED for reimbursement for up to five years after project completion.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Capital Improvement Funds

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve a Contract for Construction to Convergent Technologies not to exceed \$600,000 for Secure Vestibule Code Modifications as presented;
2. Do not approve a Contract for Construction to Convergent Technologies not to exceed \$600,000 for Secure Vestibule Code Modifications as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board Approve a Contract for Construction to Convergent Technologies not to exceed \$600,000 for Secure Vestibule Code Modifications as presented.

ATTACHMENT:

None

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: September 29, 2026

NUMBER: 27-026

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Human Resources

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Track1: Operational Improvements

Initiative: Optimize Business Practices

ABSTRACT

Each month various Human Resource actions occur, which require Board action or cognizance.

ISSUE:

At issue is the approval of awareness of Human Resources actions for the District Office, Maintenance Department, Alaska Technical Center and school sites.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

On a monthly basis the administration recommends Board approval of new certified/classified hires, position reclassifications and the revision of job descriptions. In addition, the administration informs the Board of resignations and terminations throughout the district.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Human Resources actions as presented;
2. Disapprove the Human Resources actions as presented
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the Human Resources actions as presented.

I. **The administration recommends approval of the following action items:**

- a. Certified New Hires FY 27
- a) **The administration recommends the approval of the following FY27 Certified New Hires**

LOCATION & DATE	NAME	POSITION
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KMHS

9/21/2026	Jose Santural	Teacher
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II. **The administration reports on the following non-action items:**

- a. Classified Transfers FY27
 - b. Classified Separations FY27
 - c. Certified Separations FY27
 - d. Certified Openings FY27
 - e. Classified Openings FY27
- a) **The administration reports on the following non-action items FY27 Classified Transfers**

JNES/KMHS

9/14/2026	Wanda Starbuck	Aide
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District Office

9/1/2026	Fannie Henry	Payroll Specialist
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- b) **The administration reports on the following non-action items FY27 Classified Separations**

Kiana

9/14/2026	Marvin Barr	BPO
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District Office

8/31/2026	Maureen Nolan	Student Services
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9/21/2026	Amie Gardner	HR Coordinator
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c) The administration reports on the following non-action items FY27 Certified Separations

KMHS

8/10/2026	Socrates Embesan	Teacher
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d) The administration reports on the following non-action items FY27 Certified Openings

ABL/OBU/SHG

OPEN	Counselor
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KOTZEBUE

OPEN	Counselor
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NOORVIK

OPEN	Counselor
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ATC/STAR

OPEN	Teacher
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OPEN	Teacher
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e) The administration reports on the following non-action items FY27 Classified Openings

DEERING

OPEN	Build Plant Operator
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OPEN	Bilingual Instructor
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KIVALINA

OPEN Bus Driver

ATC/STAR

OPEN Dorm Attendant

OPEN Career Pathways Specialist

DO

OPEN Network Administrator Specialist

OPEN ELF Coordinator

OPEN Journeyman Plumber

OPEN Journeyman Electrician

OPEN Maintenance Administration Assistant

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: September 29, 2026

NUMBER: 27-027

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Addendum to
FY 27 MOA with Anna
Coddington, Speech
Pathologist, in the amount
not to exceed a \$74,000

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 Addendum to Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Anna Coddington to provide additional Speech Pathology services.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Anna Coddington, MA CCC-SLP is a Speech/Language Pathologist who provides oversight, direct, and indirect services, in the form of evaluations and direct therapy, for children 0-21 primarily located in villages. She is an experienced therapist who has a history of working effectively with staff and students in the rural/remote Alaska. She will provide direct service, consultations, and oversee and conduct speech/language evaluations. This Addendum will provide the opportunity to assist the district in providing services as to improve educational advantages for students in the district. The MOA Addendum, which includes travel, is for a \$10,000 increase of current approved MOA amount of \$64,000. For a total MOA in the amount not to exceed \$74,000.

Funding Sources:

Special Ed Grant = \$10,000

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Addendum of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Anna Coddington, Speech/Language Pathologist, with the increase amount not to exceed \$10,000 for a total MOA amount not to exceed \$74,000. as presented.
2. Disapprove the MOA Addendum as presented.
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends board approval of the MOA Addendum with Anna Coddington, Speech/Language Pathologist, with the increase amount not to exceed \$10,000 for a total MOA amount not to exceed \$74,000. as presented.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: September 29, 2026

NUMBER: 27-028

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of FY27
Memorandum of
Agreement; Wilder
Interpreting 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 Wilder Interpreting Services as presented.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Wilder Interpreting services provides direct, real-time interpreting services and collaboration as scheduled and approved by Director of Special Programs. They provide video-based services via direct student/teacher on-site contact per agreement (\$110/hour). The consultants have a history of working effectively with staff and students in the special services program.

This contract will provide the opportunity to assist the district in providing services as to improve educational advantages for students in the district. The MOA, is for \$55,000.

Funding Sources:

Special Ed General Fund= \$55,000

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), fy 27 for Wilder Interpreting Services, in the amount not to exceed \$55,000.
2. Disapprove the MOA for Wilder Interpreting Services as presented.
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends board approval of the MOA fy 27 with Wilder Interpreting Services, in the amount not to exceed \$55,000 as presented.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: September 29, 2026

NUMBER: 27-029

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Nominations for Board of
Directors; AASB

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Improve stakeholder communication.

ABSTRACT:

Nominations for the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Board of Directors require formal Board action.

ISSUE:

At issue is for the Board to nominate a candidate for the AASB Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Each year, during the annual General Membership meeting of the AASB, an election is held to fill expired seats on the AASB Board of Directors.

AASB will have 5 three-year seats and 1 one-year seat open for this election cycle. The AASB Board is made up of 15 school board members who govern the Association for the benefit of all the member districts. Consider nominating a member of your school board for this vital role. **Nominees must attend the AASB Annual Conference and deliver a 2-minute speech to the membership on Saturday, November 7th, 2026. If elected, they must attend the AASB Board of Directors Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2026.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Nominate a Board member from Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education to run for a term of office on the AASB Board of Directors as presented;
2. Nominate a Board member from another district to run for a term of office on the AASB Board of Directors;
3. Take no final action.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: September 29, 2026

NUMBER: 27-030

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Nominations for Board
Member of the Year;
AASB

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Improve Stakeholder Communication.

ABSTRACT:

Nominations for the Alaska School Boards (AASB) Carol Rose Governance Award require formal Board action.

ISSUE:

At issue is to nominate a School Board Member for the AASB Carl Rose Governance Award.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The AASB Board of Directors honored Carl Rose in 2013 by naming the organization's leadership training program for school members for him after his retirement. Rose was the Executive Director of AASB from 1987 until 2013. During those 26 years, he participated in every major education debate and reform in K-12 education, and reshaped AASB into a full-service, statewide, non-profit organization whose motto is "Advocates for Alaska's Youth." The Carl Rose Governance Award is presented to an outstanding school board member each year at the AASB Annual Conference. The individual receiving the Carl Rose Governance Award is recognized for their: commitment, dedication, and accomplishments as a locally elected school board member. Board members can be nominated by their school board and superintendent for consideration of this award. Selection is done by the AASB Awards Committee. This award is presented at the Annual Conference awards banquet.

In order to be eligible, a nominee:

- Must have served on their local board for at least four consecutive years
- Must serve on a member board in good standing of AASB

Nominations must be received by October 2, 2026.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Nominate a Board member of the NWABSD Board of Education for the AASB Carl Rose Governance Award as presented;
2. Nominate a Board member from another member district for the AASB Carl Rose Governance Award;
3. Take no final action.



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CARL ROSE

GOVERNANCE AWARD

Honoring Alaska's Standout
Board Members



The **Carl Rose Governance Award** is presented each year to a locally elected school board member whose dedication to Alaska's youth and accomplishments exemplify exceptional commitment and leadership.

Nominations can be submitted by the nominee's school board and superintendent. Recipients are selected by the AASB Awards Committee. This award will be presented at the Annual Conference Awards Luncheon on Friday, November 6, 2026.

SUBMIT NOMINATION

SCAN QR CODE
FOR APPLICATION



**Nominations must be received by
Friday, October 2, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m. AKT.**

In order to be eligible, a nominee:

- Must have served on their local board for at least four consecutive years.
- Must serve on a member board in good standing of AASB.

Questions? Email us at aasb@aasb.org.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: September 29, 2026

NUMBER: 27-031

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Nomination for
Outstanding School
Board of the Year; AASB

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Improve Stakeholder Communication.

ABSTRACT:

Nominations for the Association of Alaska School Board's (AASB) Outstanding School Board of the Year requires formal Board action.

ISSUE:

At issue is to nominate a School Board for the AASB, Outstanding School Board of the Year.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The Outstanding School Board Award is designed to reflect and honor a school board's involvement in Board Standards. School Boards should self-nominate for this award. Selection is done by the AASB Awards Committee. This award is presented at the Annual Conference awards luncheon.

In order to be eligible, a school board:

- Must be a member board in good standing of AASB
- Must have formally adopted Board Standards

Nominations must be received by October 2, 2026.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Nominate the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education for the AASB Outstanding School Board of the Year Award as presented;
2. Nominate a Board from another member district for the AASB Outstanding School Board of the Year Award;
3. Take no final action.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BOARD AWARD

Celebrating Boards that Lead
with Excellence



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The **Outstanding School Board Award** is designed to reflect and honor a school board's excellence in governance and commitment to Alaska's students.

Boards may nominate another school board or submit a self-nomination. Recipients are selected by the AASB Awards Committee. This award will be presented at the Annual Conference Awards Luncheon on Friday, November 6, 2026.

SUBMIT NOMINATION

SCAN QR CODE
FOR APPLICATION



**Nominations must be received by
Friday, October 2, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m. AKT.**

To be eligible, a school board:

- Must be a member board in good standing of AASB.
- Must have formally adopted Board Standards.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: September 29, 2026

NUMBER: 27-032

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Selection of Student
Representative to the NWABSD
Board of Education

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Improve Stakeholder Communication.

ABSTRACT:

Selection of Student Representative to the NWABSD Board of Education shall be selected by Board.

ISSUE:

At issue is for the Board to select up to two student representatives and one alternate student representative to the NWABSD Board of Education.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

According to AR 9110 (b), the Board believes it is important to seek out and consider students' ideas, viewpoints and reactions to the educational program. In order to provide student input and involvement, the Board shall appoint Student Representative(s) as deemed necessary.

Student Representative(s) shall have the right to attend public meetings of the Board, be recognized at meetings, participate in discussing issues and shall receive all materials presented to Board members except those related to executive session.

Applications will be provided for review and consideration in Executive Session.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Select up to two Student Representatives and one Alternate Student Representative to the NWABSD Board of Education as presented;
2. Do not select Student Representative and Alternate Student Representative to the NWABSD Board of Education as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board select up to two Student Representatives and one Alternate Student Representative to the NWABSD Board of Education as presented.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: September 29, 2026

NUMBER: 27-033

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Appointment of Vacant
Seat F: Buckland,
Deering, Selawik

ABSTRACT:

Seat F on the Northwest Arctic Borough School District (NWABSD) Board of Education became vacant on August 28, 2026 due to resignation of former member.

In accordance with Board Policy 9223, vacancy on the Board shall be filled within 30 days of the vacancy by Board appointment. The person appointed shall hold office until the next regularly scheduled election for district Board members and shall be afforded all the powers and duties of a Board member upon appointment.

ISSUE:

At issue is to accept the letter of interest to serve as an NWABSD Board Member in Seat F, Representing District 6 (Buckland, Deering, Selawik).

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The District provided public notice of the vacancy and invited letters of interest from eligible residents.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Move to appoint _____ for NWABSD Board Member serving in Seat D, Representing District 6 (Buckland, Deering, Selawik), and declare the seat filled as presented;
2. Do not move to appoint _____, to serves as a NWABSD Board Member serving in Seat F, Representing District 6 (Buckland, Deering, Selawik), and declare the seat vacant;

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board move to appoint _____, to serves as a NWABSD Board Member serving in Seat F, Representing District 6 (Buckland, Deering, Selawik), and declare the seat filled as presented.

BB 9223 BOARD VACANCIES

Note: The following provisions apply to school boards pursuant to [AS 14.08.045](#). Item 1 below could apply to a write-in candidate whose qualifications were not verified prior to election or to a district employee who fails to resign their employment after election.

The School Board may declare a regional school board seat vacant if the person elected:

1. fails to qualify for Board membership within 30 days of certification of the election,
2. refuses to take office,
3. resigns,
4. is convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude or a violation of the oath of office while serving as a School Board member,
5. no longer resides within the boundaries which he/she was elected to represent and a two-thirds vote of the Board declares the seat vacant.

(cf. 9220 - School Board Election)

Note: The following is provided for borough and city school boards and may be revised as appropriate.

The school board shall declare a vacancy on the Board for any actions which disqualify a member from service in accordance with state laws and local ordinances.

Note: [A.S. 14.14.080](#) allows a school board to declare a board vacancy when a member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings without being excused by the Board President.

Three consecutive unexcused absences from regular board meetings shall be sufficient cause for the Board to declare a Board vacancy.

(cf. 9121 - President)

(cf. 9320 - Meetings)

Appointment to the Board

Note: The following optional bylaws may be deleted or revised as desired.

A vacancy on the Board shall be filled within 30 days of the vacancy by Board appointment. When making an appointment to the Board, the Board desires to draw from the widest possible number of candidates.

The Board shall:

1. Advertise the vacancy in suitable local media.
2. Solicit applications or nominations of any legally qualified citizen interested in serving on the School Board.
3. Provide candidates with appropriate information regarding Board member responsibilities.
4. Announce names of candidates and accept public input either in writing or at a public meeting.
5. Interview the candidates at a public meeting.
6. Select the provisional appointee by majority vote at a public meeting.

The person appointed shall hold office until the next regularly scheduled election for district Board members and shall be afforded all the powers and duties of a Board member upon appointment.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

[14.08.041](#) *Regional school boards*

[14.08.045](#) *Vacancies*

[14.08.081](#) *Recall*

[14.12.070](#) *Vacancies*

[14.14.080](#) *Declaring a school board vacancy*

[29.26.240 - 29.26.360](#) *Recall*

Adoption: May 23, 1995

Revised: April 29, 2025

Northwest Arctic Borough School District

E 9224 OATH OR AFFIRMATION

School Board members, before taking office and sign the following oath of affirmation:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska and that I will honestly, faithfully, and impartially discharge my duties as a School Board member to the best of my ability."

Legal Reference:

[AS 14.12.090](#)

Adopted: April 28, 2025

Northwest Arctic Borough School District
