

ADOPTED MINUTES
OF THE
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Mission: "To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel."
Vision: "To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future."**

President, Sandy Shroyer-Beaver, called the 370th regular meeting of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education to order at 4:55 p.m. on Tuesday, March 07, 2017 in the District Office Boardroom at Kotzebue, AK.

Members present were:

Angela Washington
Marvin Barr
Eunice Hadley
Nellie Ballot
Lawrence Jones Sr.
Joanne Harris
Margaret Hansen
Tillie Ticket
Paula Mills (telephonic)
Erica Nelson (telephonic)
Sandy Shroyer-Beaver

A quorum was present.

Observed.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Angela Washington moved to approve the agenda as revised, seconded by Joanne Harris. Revisions were: NWABSD Memorandum 17-065 Adoption and Approval to Purchase of K-12 Math Curriculum; NWABSD Memorandum 17-069 Approval to Amend Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), Alliance Business Solutions; NWABSD Memorandum 17-077 Approval to Amend MOA, Claudia Bird; NWABSD Memorandum 17-078 Approval of MOA, Alliance Business Solutions; and NWABSD Memorandum 17-Approval of MOA, Shane Lawrence.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Staff present were: Dr. Annmarie O'Brien-Superintendent, Ralph King-Assistant Superintendent, Cheryl Edenshaw-Director of ATC, Cheryl Schweigert-Director of Special Programs, Lucy Nelson-Director of Administrative Services, Craig McConnell-Director of Property Services, Joy Williams-Director of Curriculum/Instruction, Terry Martin-Director of HR, Terri Walker-Director of State/Federal Grants, Zonda Martin-CTE Coordinator, Raymond Woods-Bilingual Coordinator, Scott Eggleston-Computer Technician and Marie Nelson-Gregg-Secretary for the Superintendent and Board.

Guest was: Hans Nelson of Kotzebue.

Noorvik School Students presented activities that have been happening in Noorvik.

Hans Nelson of Kotzebue: I have six girls at the Kotzebue Schools, and I have concerns as a parent. This past weekend was the 1A Regional Basketball tournament in Kotzebue. During this 1A tournament, the Lady Huskies (who are 3A) celebrated their Senior night, which should have been a special event for them and their family. It was very upsetting and not a happy event for us. It was a poor representation for their hard work and dedication.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

STUDENT PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hans Nelson: For future events, such as this, should better planned and not done with another event. Regarding the 1A Tournament itself I have concerns: 1.) a lot of folks attending the tournament go out and smoke, and there are a lot of cigarette butts, smoking around school facilities should not be tolerated; and 2.) parking was a very big issue. Vehicles should not be parked close to the building, in case of an emergency. Another concern I have is I coached middle school basketball and there were 36 girls. It was not taken serious enough. Everything was scheduled last minute with no planning and that is unacceptable. I am willing to help to plan and coordinate in the future. The middle school Basketball Tournament was in Kiana. I appreciate Principal Kilburn and all his staff that put on the tournament. They have dedicated staff in Kiana, and I was thankful for that tournament. The only concern I had was there was only one award for boys and one award for girls, everyone was not awarded adequately. There should have been more awards given. Those are my concerns, thank you for listening.

Sandy Shroyer-Beaver: Thanks for coming and voicing your concerns.

Margaret Hansen: Good suggestions for the Activities Committee. Thank you for coming.

None.

Alaska's Education Challenge: The State is currently taking input through a survey on the Alaska Department of Education website: www.education.alaska.gov on five identified objectives for Alaska public education system: improved student learning, ensure excellent educators, modernize the education system, inspire tribal and community ownership, and promote safety and well-being. A range of Alaskans will be selected to serve on five committees tasked with turning public priorities into recommendations. Information on committee selection has been requested and will be forwarded to Board Members when available. Additional information regarding this challenge can be found on Alaska Department of Education website listed above. *Awards:* Battle of the Books State Competitors: 3/4th grade - Noorvik Book Bears, 5/6th grade - JNES Book Warriors, 7/8 grade-KMHS Huskies, and High School-Noatak Lynx. Spelling Bee: 1st Place: Jazzlynn Ballot-Noatak, 2nd Place: Ava Jones-Buckland, and 3rd Place: Trisha Mann-Selawik. Science Fair: Elementary: Jullianna Hernandez, "Mind Games", Middle School: Eli Atkins, KMHS, "Magneto", and High School: Tim Zibell & Kaden Ticket, Noorvik, "Battle Against the Cold". *Attendance:* Attendance rates continue to be closely monitored. The following data is through February 20, 2017, seven schools: Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kobuk, JNES, KMHS, and Noatak have over 90% attendance. Across the District, fifth grade had the highest attendance rate at 92.19%, and 11th grade continues with the lowest rate at 81.28%. School-wide Deering continues to have the highest rate at 95.36% and Davis-Ramoth the lowest attendance rate at 82%, up 3% since the last attendance count. A closer examination of situations causing the highs and lows of attendance rates at varying site and grades is scheduled at our next principal meeting. *Enrollment:* The K-12 student enrollment through February 20 is 1958, same as this time last year. The current PreK-12 student enrollment is 2117, up 2 students since this time last year. *ANSEP Summer Session:* June 11-16, 2017 hosted in Kotzebue with UAA staff for 50 incoming 6th grade students. Participation split between Kotzebue & villages with Magnet School dorm for housing. Applications for participation will be available mid-April. *Student Teacher Placements:* Two students at Kotzebue from Lee University in Tennessee in Spring 2017. Three students, two in Noatak and one in Kotzebue, from UAF in Fall 2017-Spring 2018. *201. Graduation Dates:* Ambler May 11, Buckland May 8, Deering-none, Kiana May 12, Kivalina May 4, Kobuk May 11, Kotzebue May 6, Noatak May 5, Noorvik May 6, Selawik May 11, Shungnak, May 5 and ATC May 10. *Legislative Highlights:* BSA Increase. Best case scenario is to remain at current level as supported by Governor Walker. We are hearing the possibility among superintendents of an impending 5% cut to education. Early Childhood Education-with the likelihood of support from the Legislature, the District continues to apply for grants to support PreK. Currently we have grant funding for certified staff at 5 sites.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Coalition for Educational Equity is advocating for continuation of PreK support through Moore Settlement. If successful, we will have funding for a total of nine certified PreK teachers. Virtual education and instructional enhancement, not a means for replacing staff and reducing costs. The District has provided oral testimony to the Senate Education Committee and written testimony regarding broadband. House Bill 135-School District Participation in the School Construction Grant Program. Letter of support sent to the House Education Committee, Senator Olson, and Representative Westlake. Key change is a clause to extend the deadline for the match required from the Borough. The match of 20% is currently due April 2018. *Meetings/Upcoming Events:* AASA National Conference, New Orleans, March 1- 4, 2017; Spring Break-no school at all sites, March 13-17, 2017; Holiday for all employees-all offices closed, March 16 & 17, 2017; Job Fair, Anchorage March 17-19, 2017; Regional Elders Committee, March 20, 2017, Kotzebue; Superintendent Summit, Colorado Springs, March 22-24, 2017 (invite & paid by AASA); AASB National Conference, Denver, Colorado March 25-27,2017; AASB Legislative Fly-in, Juneau, April 1-4; New on the agenda: March 31 Career Technical Education (CTE) presentation, in cooperation with The Department of Labor, a full day focus on CTE; and ASA Legislative Fly-in, Juneau, April 8-11, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

For the record, the following Board Committees met at Kotzebue on March 06, 2017: Budget, Technology, Student Activities, Board Policy, Bilingual and CTE and reported to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board meeting minutes require Board adoption. The Board held a regular meeting on January 31, 2017. The administration recommended the Board adopt the proposed minutes as presented.

ACTION

Margaret Hansen moved to adopt the January 31, 2017 Board Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Angela Washington.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO
BP 5141.41, STUDENTS,
SEXUAL ABUSE, SEXUAL
ASSAULT AND DATING
VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND
PREVENTION; FIRST READING

Board policy revisions require Board approval. The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for board policy revisions when changes in law occur or when specific need occurs. Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board. This is the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 5141.41, Students, Sexual Abuse, Sexual Assault and Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention. AASB has identified the proposed revisions that require formal Board action. Proposed revisions: *[formerly titled Child Abuse Prevention] delayed implementation note*, this policy does not require immediate adoption because the law requiring sexual abuse, sexual assault and dating violence awareness and prevention training does not take effect until June 30, 2017. Districts may choose to adopt this policy now or to wait until the effective date. A district should not adopt in advance of the effective date, unless the district is prepared to implement the policy at the time it is adopted. Substantial changes were made to the introductory note, the legal references section and the text of the policy to add school district's additional obligations to train employees on sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention and dating violence and abuse, as outlined in new statutes AS 14.30.355 and AS 14.30.356, effective June 30, 2017. The Board Policy Committee reviewed the proposed changes, recommends approval and open up for public comments. The administration recommended the Board approve the first reading to the proposed revisions to BP 5141.41, Students, Sexual Abuse, Sexual Assault and Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention as presented and open for public comments.

Board policy revisions require Board approval. The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for board policy revisions when changes in law occur or when specific need occurs. Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board. This is the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 6114, Instruction, Crisis Response Plan. AASB has identified the proposed revisions that require formal Board action. Proposed revisions: the policy language has been updated to reflect the requirement that employees be trained on crisis response within two years of being hired. Grammatical and formatting corrections have also been made to the notes and policy language. The Board Policy Committee reviewed the proposed changes, recommends approval and open up for public comments. The administration recommended the Board approve the first reading to the proposed revisions to BP 6114, Instruction, Crisis Response Plan as presented and open for public comments.

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO
BP 6114, INSTRUCTION,
CRISIS RESPONSE PLAN; FIRST
READING

Tillie Ticket moved to approve the first reading to the proposed revisions to BP 5141.41, Students, Sexual Abuse, Sexual Assault and Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention; and BP 6114, Instruction, Crisis Response Plan as presented and open for public comments, seconded by Paula Mills.

ACTION

At issue is to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 5145.15, Students, Student and Family Privacy Rights and open for public comments. The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for board policy revisions when changes in law occur or when specific need occurs. Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board. This is the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 5145.15, Students, Student and Family Privacy Rights. AASB has identified the proposed revisions that require formal Board action. Proposed revisions: *delayed implementation note*, this policy revision does not require immediate adoption because the law requiring greater parent consent for student surveys does not take effect until June 30, 2017. Districts may choose to adopt this policy now or to wait until the effective date. A district should not adopt in advance of the effective date, unless the district is prepared to implement the policy at the time it is adopted. The second note and the text of this policy is updated to reflect the change in AS 14.03.110 addressing student surveys and questionnaires. As of June 30, 2017, this statute will require written parent consent before a school administers or permits to be administered a questionnaire or survey in a school. Previously written consent was only requires for surveys or questionnaires that inquired into personal or private family affairs of a student. The policy was also revised to require schools to provide notice of who will have access to the results of the questionnaire or survey, in addition to other notice requirements. The Board Policy Committee reviewed the proposed changes, recommends approval and open up for public comments. The administration recommended the Board approve the first reading to the proposed revisions to BP 5145.15, Students, Student and Family Privacy Rights as presented and open for public comments.

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO
BP 5145.15, STUDENTS,
STUDENT AND FAMILY
PRIVACY RIGHTS; FIRST
READING

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Tillie Ticket moved to table the approval of the first reading to the proposed revisions to BP 5145.15, Students, Student and Family Privacy Rights, seconded by Paula Mills.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

New Board policies require Board adoption. The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for new board policies when changes in law occur or when specific need occurs. Proposed new policies shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board. This is the adoption, at second reading, of the proposed new policy, BP 1331, Community Relations, Memorial Policy. AASB has identified the proposed new policy that requires formal Board action. This new optional policy may be adopted at a district's discretion. The purpose of the policy is to provide guidance on permanent and temporary memorials to deceased students/staff. Districts may choose to adopt the policy, which limits student/staff memorials to avoid inconsistent treatment of individual students/staff, disruption to memorials when school buildings or grounds are renovated, concerns about space availability and maintenance of memorials, and concerns about how a memorial may impact students at risk of suicide. The policy provides alternative language giving districts the option of 1) prohibiting all school memorials, or 2) allowing some temporary school memorials with guidance on the content, type and duration. If district choose to adopt this policy, formal adoption is required. The Board, at the January 31, 2017 Board Meeting, approved the first reading and opened it up for public comments. To date, no comments have been received. Therefore the Board Policy Committee recommends adoption. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at second reading, the proposed new policy, BP 1331, Community Relations, Memorial Policy as presented.

Margaret Hansen moved to adopt, at second reading, the proposed new policy, BP 1331, Community Relations, Memorial Policy; and chose option #1, seconded by Angela Washington.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board policy revisions require Board approval. The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for board policy revisions when changes in law occur or when specific need occurs. Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board. This is the adoption, at second reading, of the proposed revisions to BP 3550, Business and Noninstructional Operations, Food Service. AASB has identified the proposed revisions that require formal Board action. *Proposed revisions:* The policy contains new language regarding the requirement to hire qualified food service personnel and to provide ongoing continuing education and training to food service staff. A note has been added explaining the new professional standards and qualifications for food service personnel. These qualifications are set forth in 2015 federal regulations adopted by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service. At the January 31, 2017 Board Meeting, the Board approved the first reading and opened it up for public comments. To date, no comments have been received. Therefore the Board Policy Committee recommends adoption, at second reading. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at second reading, the proposed revisions to BP 3550, Business and Noninstructional Operations, Food Service as presented.

Joanne Harris moved to adopt, at second reading, the proposed revisions to BP 3550, Business and Noninstructional Operations, Food Service as presented, seconded by Marvin Barr.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADOPTION OF NEW BOARD
POLICY, BP 1331,
COMMUNITY RELATIONS,
MEMORIAL POLICY; SECOND
READING

ACTION

ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO
BP 3550, BUSINESS AND
NONINSTRUCTION
OPERATIONS, FOOD SERVICE;
SECOND READING

ACTION

Board policy revisions require Board approval. The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for board policy revisions when changes in law occur or when specific need occurs. Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board. This is the adoption, at second reading, of the proposed revisions to BB 9110, Bylaws of the Board, Board Membership. The Board has a desire to have the Student Board Member vacancy filled, and asked the Board Policy Committee review the Bylaws and make recommendations. The Committee reviewed BB 9110 and recommends that it is reduced from two (2) student representatives to one (1) student representative and one (1) alternate student representative. The Committee also created the Administrative Regulation (AR) to cover the criteria, selection, role and responsibilities of the student representative; and created an Exhibit (E) for application purposes. At the November 22, 2016 Board Meeting, the Board approved the first reading and opened it up for public comments. To date, no comments have been received. Therefore the Board Policy Committee recommends adoption, at second reading. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at second reading, the proposed revisions to BB 9110, Bylaws of the Board, Board Membership as presented.

ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO
BB 9110, BYLAWAS OF THE
BOARD, BOARD
MEMBERSHIP; SECOND
READING

Nellie Ballot moved to adopt, at second reading, the proposed revisions to BB 9110, Bylaws of the Board, Board Membership as presented, seconded by Margaret Hansen.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adoption of the new K-12 Math Curriculum and purchases that exceed \$50,000 is required by the Board. The Math Committee met, reviewed, and recommends the purchase of the new K-12 Math Curriculum are as follows: McGraw Hill My Math K-5 for the cost of \$313,884.21, Math Learning Center Number Corner K-3 for the cost of \$30,000, McGraw Hill Glencoe Courses 1-3 & Accelerated 6-8 for the cost of \$86,821.80, McGraw Hill Glencoe 9-12 Traditional Courses for the cost of \$87,541.15, McGraw Hill ALEKS online 6-year site licenses for the cost of \$194,000, McGraw Hill Number Worlds Intervention Program K-8 for the cost of \$116,108.85, and Cengage Learning Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus for the cost of \$12,478.40. Total amount of the purchase is \$840,834.41. The administration recommended the Board adopt and approve the purchase of the new K-12 math curriculum for an amount of \$840,834.41 as presented.

ADOPTION AND APPROVAL
OF THE PURCHASE OF K-12
MATH CURRICULUM

Margaret Hansen moved to adopt and approve the purchase of the new K-12 math curriculum for an amount of \$840,834.41 as presented, seconded by Marvin Barr.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of a program that directly impacts the function and responsibilities of the Board requires approval of the Board. During the January Technology Committee meeting and Board meeting, several Board members requested information and possible implementation on accessing board packets and minutes online. This would save a significant amount of paper and cut the cost of sending packets to the Board members who are not in Kotzebue. It would also allow Board Members to access board packet information on demand and search packets for information. Information regarding BoardBook was provided to the Board at Worksession. The administration recommended that the Board approve and purchase BoardBook as presented.

APPROVAL OF BOARDBOOK

Tillie Ticket moved to approve and purchase BoardBook as presented, seconded by Angela Washington.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolutions require adoption of the Board. Support for reauthorization of Alaska's Technical Vocational Education Program (TVEP) during the current Legislative session is requested of the NWABSD Board of Education. The TVEP program expires at the end of June 2017 unless reauthorized by the Alaska Legislature and Governor. The Alaska Technical Center, as a statewide training center, receives TVEP funding that contributes to the annual operation of the ATC. TVEP funds are derived from the 2% Unemployment Insurance paid by Alaskans in the workforce. The Legislature authorizes the use of a percentage of those funds for training and education. This program will sunset at the end of this fiscal year. The administration recommended the Board adopt Resolution 17-002, supporting the reauthorization of the Alaska Technical Vocational Education Program by the Alaska Legislature and Governor Walker as presented.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 17-002; SUPPORT OF ALASKA TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

ACTION

Marvin Barr moved to adopt Resolution 17-002, supporting the reauthorization of the Alaska Technical Vocational Education Program by the Alaska Legislature and Governor Walker as presented, seconded by Tillie Ticket.

APPROVAL TO AMEND MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT; STEPHANIE MCCONNELL

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Contract that exceeds \$50,000 require Board approval. Stephanie McConnell currently supports administration in areas such as newsletters, reports, district inservice travel, and the Report Card to the Public. To continue this support through June 30, 2017 an amendment to the MOA is required. The current MOA amount is \$49,000, and with an increased amount of \$30,000, which will bring the total amount to \$79,000. With this joint effort, the NWABS will pay Stephanie McConnell \$500 per day, plus travel to Kotzebue when needed, and a per diem at the daily rate of \$40 when in Kotzebue. The administration recommended that the Board amend the Memorandum of Agreement with Stephanie McConnell, for a total amount not to exceed \$79,000 as presented.

ACTION

Margaret Hansen moved to amend the Memorandum of Agreement with Stephanie McConnell, for a total amount not to exceed \$64,000, seconded by Joanne Harris.

APPROVAL TO AMEND MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT; ALLIANCE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Alliance Business Solutions, New Language Capital LLC provides direct interpreting services and training for interpreting services for school aged children with significant hearing impairments, and their teachers and aides, according to state and federal guidelines. These monies are partially grant funded and will be used to continue contracted services. This contract amendment to increase from \$48,400 to \$96,800 will provide the opportunity to assist the District in providing access to education for students with significant hearing impairments in the district throughout the school year, and staff. The MOA, which includes travel, is for two interpreters at different sites. The administration recommended the Board approve to amend the Memorandum of Agreement with Alliance Business Solutions, total amount not to exceed \$96,800 as presented.

ACTION

Marvin Barr moved to approve to amend the Memorandum of Agreement with Alliance Business Solutions, total amount not to exceed \$96,800 as presented, seconded by Margaret Hansen.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Autism Partnerships provides oversight, direct, and indirect services for children across the district with extreme behaviors, including autism. The consultants have a history of working effectively with staff and students in the special services program. Autism Partnerships will provide services to students, their teachers, and parents, in the regular and special education programs with challenging behaviors. This contract will provide the opportunity to assist the District in providing services as to improve educational advantages for students in the district. Autism Partnerships also consults with all staff, parents, and community members and agencies. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which includes travel, is not to exceed \$65,400. The administration recommended the Board approve the MOA with Autism Partnerships, for a total amount not to exceed \$65,400 as presented.

APPROVAL OF
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT; AUTISM
PARTNERSHIPS

Joanne Harris moved to approve the MOA with Autism Partnerships, for a total amount not to exceed \$65,400 as presented.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Mary Olson of Cornerstone Therapy provides oversight, direct, and indirect physical therapy services for children across the district ages 0-22. Mary Olson is an experienced therapist who has a history of working effectively with staff, parents, and students in the special services program. She will oversee and conduct consultation, evaluation, and direct physical therapy services. This contract, partially supported by grants, will provide her the opportunity to assist the District in providing services as required by law to infants and special education students in the district. Mary Olson also consults with all staff. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which includes travel, is not to exceed \$61,500. The administration recommended the Board approve the MOA with Mary Olson of Cornerstone Therapy, for a total amount not to exceed \$61,500 as presented.

APPROVAL OF
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT; MARY OLSON

Tillie Ticket moved to approve the MOA with Mary Olson of Cornerstone Therapy, for a total amount not to exceed \$61,500 as presented, seconded by Paula Mills.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Dr. Claudia Bird is a speech/language therapist who provides oversight, direct, and indirect services, mostly in the form of evaluations, for children primarily located in villages. She is an experienced therapist who has a history of working effectively with staff and students in the special services program. She will provide direct service, consultations, and oversee and conduct speech/language evaluations. This contract, partially supported by grants, will provide her the opportunity to assist the District in providing service, evaluation, and consultation services as required by law to special education students in the district. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), including travel, is not to exceed \$101,750. The administration recommended the Board approve the MOA with Claudia Bird, SLP, for a total amount not to exceed \$101,750 as presented.

APPROVAL OF
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT; CLAUDIA BIRD

Lawrence Jones Sr. moved to approve the MOA with Claudia Bird, SLP, for a total amount not to exceed \$101,750 as presented, seconded by Marvin Barr.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. The Hello Foundation provides speech/language pathology and therapy services for children across the district. They provide one consistent, experienced provider who has a history of working effectively with staff and students in the special services program. The Hello Foundation provides direct and indirect services, mostly in the form of evaluations and therapy to children. This contract, partially supported by grant monies, will provide Hello Foundation the opportunity to assist the District in providing services as required by law to special education students in the district. The Hello Foundation also consults with all staff and parents of eligible students. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which includes travel, is not to exceed \$112,300. The administration recommended the Board approve the MOA with Hello Foundation, SLP, for a total amount not to exceed \$112,300 as presented.

APPROVAL OF
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT; HELLO
FOUNDATION

Margaret Hansen moved to approve the MOA with Hello Foundation, SLP, for a total amount not to exceed \$112,300 as presented, seconded by Paula Mills.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Kathleen Bodalay of Alaska Interpreting Alliance Services provides direct interpreting service, distance delivery, training, evaluation, supervision and consultation services to staff and school aged children with significant hearing impairments, and their teachers and aides, according to state and federal guidelines. These monies are partially grant funded and will be used to continue contracted services. This contract will provide the opportunity to assist the District in providing access to education for students with significant hearing impairments in the district throughout the school year, and staff. Alaska Interpreting Alliance consults and trains staff and parents as requested. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which includes travel, is not to exceed \$100,515. The administration recommended the Board approve the MOA with Kathleen Bodalay of Alaska Interpreting Alliance, for a total amount not to exceed \$100,515 as presented.

APPROVAL OF
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT; KATHLEEN
BODALAY

Joanne Harris moved to approve the MOA with Kathleen Bodalay of Alaska Interpreting Alliance, for a total amount not to exceed \$100,515 as presented, seconded by Margaret Hansen.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Tracey Schaeffer of Arctic OT is an occupational therapist (OT) who provides services to the school district for both the special education program and infant learning programs. She is an experienced therapist who has a history of working effectively with families, staff and students in the region. She will provide required supervision for Infant Learning Program service delivery, and direct and consultation OT evaluations and services to families, students, and staff at all school sites for early childhood, infant services, and occupational therapy. This contract will provide her the opportunity to assist the District in providing services as required by law to special education students and infants in the district. It will also provide the opportunity to support the district in complying with grant requirements. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which includes travel, is not to exceed \$126,700. The administration recommended the Board approve the MOA with Tracey Schaeffer of Arctic OT, for a total amount not to exceed \$126,700 as presented.

APPROVAL OF
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT; TRACEY
SCHAEFFER

Tillie Ticket moved to approve the MOA with Tracey Schaeffer of Arctic OT, for a total amount not to exceed \$126,700 as presented, seconded by Angela Washington.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

On a monthly basis the administration requests Board approval of all new hires, rehires, position reclassifications and the revision of job descriptions for Human Resources. In addition, the administration informs the Board of resignations and terminations of employees throughout the District.

The administration recommended the Board approve the certified new hires at the June Nelson Elementary School, Kiana School, Kivalina School, Kotzebue Middle/High School, Noorvik School, Selawik School and District Office; certified rehires at Ambler School, Buckland School, Deering School, June Nelson Elementary, Kiana, Kivalina School, Kobuk School, Kotzebue Middle/High School, Noatak School, Noorvik School, Selawik School, Shungnak School, Alaska Technical Center and District Office; classified new hires at Deering School and Selawik School; new position, Assistant Director of Special Education at the District Office; and certified transfer from Noorvik to Buckland as presented.

Administration reported on the classified resignations at Kobuk School and the District Office; and the certified resignations at the Kiana School, Kivalina School, Kobuk School, Kotzebue Middle/High School, Noatak School, Noorvik School Selawik School, Shungnak School and District Office.

Margaret Hansen moved to approve the items for HR and the HR Addendum as presented, seconded by Angela Washington.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Dr. Claudia Bird is a speech/language therapist who provides oversight, direct, and indirect services, mostly in the form of evaluations, for children primarily located in villages. She is an experienced therapist who has a history of working effectively with staff and students in the special services program. She will provide direct service, consultations, and oversee and conduct speech/language evaluations. Dr. Bird has a degree in special education, and is currently reactivating her Alaska Teaching Certificate. She will assist providing services for students in Kiana during times she is not providing speech/language services in other locations. This contract amendment to increase from \$76,900 to \$97,420, partially supported by grants, will provide her the opportunity to assist the District in providing service, evaluation, and consultation services as required by law to special education students in the district. The administration recommended the Board amend the Memorandum of Agreement with Claudia Bird, SLP for an additional amount of \$20,520, total amount not to exceed \$97,420 as presented.

Paula Mills moved to amend the Memorandum of Agreement with Claudia Bird, SLP for an additional amount of \$20,520, total amount not to exceed \$97,420 as presented, seconded by Margaret Hansen.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Alliance Business Solutions provides direct interpreting services and distance delivery services for school aged children with significant hearing impairments, and their teachers and aides, according to state and federal guidelines. These monies are partially funded reimbursed by the state through special funding. This contract will provide the opportunity to assist the District in providing access to education for students with significant hearing impairments in the district throughout the school year, and staff. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which includes travel, is not to exceed \$96,800. The administration recommended the Board approve the MOA with Alliance Business Solutions, for a total amount not to exceed \$96,800 as presented.

ACTION

APPROVAL TO AMEND
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT; CLAUDIA BIRD

ACTION

APPROVAL OF
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT; ALLIANCE
BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Nellie Ballot moved to approve the MOA with Alliance Business Solutions, for a total amount not to exceed \$96,800 as presented, seconded by Lawrence Jones Sr.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Shane Lawrence provides direct interpreting services and distance delivery services for school aged children with significant hearing impairments, and their teachers and aides, according to state and federal guidelines. These monies are partially funded reimbursed by the state through special funding. This contract will provide the opportunity to assist the District in providing access to education for students with significant hearing impairments in the district throughout the school year, and staff. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which includes travel, is not to exceed \$96,800. The administration recommended the Board approve the MOA with Shane Lawrence, for a total amount not to exceed \$96,800 as presented.

APPROVAL OF
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT; SHANE
LAWRENCE

Tillie Ticket moved to approve the MOA with Shane Lawrence, for a total amount not to exceed \$96,800 as presented, seconded by Lawrence Jones Sr.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margaret Hansen moved that the Board go into an executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, seconded by Marvin Barr.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Executive Session began at 6:15 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:18 p.m.

Marvin Barr: I appreciate Hans Nelson's comments and concerns. Next year I suggest that we discuss the Student Activities schedule before it is done.

BOARD COMMENTS

Joanne Harris: I just want to say that we are here for our children, even though we don't always agree, we work for our children.

Nellie Ballot: I agree with Joanne. The 1A Regional Tournament was very busy. When recognizing the Seniors during the tournament, they called all Seniors down, they should have recognized each one individually. Thanks for listening.

Tillie Ticket: Good 1A Tournament, except Senior night as Nellie mentioned. Congratulations Brett Slaathaug, our Student Activities Coordinator, on the birth of his twins. We missed you at the Tournament. Thanks Craig McConnell and all the Principals who stepped up and moved it forward. I was asked why we didn't have any half-time shows, no player of the game awards, etc. Thanks Hans Nelson for your comments. Thanks for letting attend the ASTE Conference in Anchorage, I learned to do more technology-wise. Lastly, thank you staff and Marie Nelson-Gregg for all your work.

Margaret Hansen: I appreciate the discussions we had these past few days. Discussion on a possible Inupiaq Conference or workshop and discussion on suspensions. Input from the children would be helpful. Thank you.

Paula Mills: I missed the 1A Tournament, first time in a very long time. I missed dressing up in the different costumes and seeing everyone.

Angela Washington: I am excited about getting BoardBooks started. Looking the budget report we are getting, has been easy to read and understand. Thank you to our Administrative Services Director, Lucy Nelson for that. I'm happy to announce that the Alaska Student Activities Association (ASAA) Board decided to have their April 2018 Board meeting here in Kotzebue. Good working relationship with ASAA and support they give for our rural districts. I appreciated seeing our Directors at the 1A Tournament, which was an awesome Tournament. Thanks for everyone who helped.

Sandy Shroyer-Beaver: I agree with everyone about the 1A and the Middle School Tournament. The 1A Tournament was awesome. Staff helped out and handled everything well. To Brett and Esther Slaathaug, congratulations on your baby boy and girl. To Paula Mills, our Board Member, we missed you at the Tournament. You take care and get well.

The next Regular Board Meeting of the NWABSD Board of Education will be at the call of the President.

Joanne Harris moved to adjourn, seconded by Tillie Ticket.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Lawrence Jones Sr., Secretary


Marie L. Nelson-Gregg, Recording Secretary

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT
BOARD MEETING

ADJOURNMENT