

1 **ADOPTED MINUTES**

2 Bering Strait School District Board of Education

3 **224th Regular Session**

4 Thursday, April 23, 2020 – VIA Teleconference

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6 **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

7 Madam Chair Annie Weyiouanna called the 224th Regular Meeting of the Bering Strait
8 School District Board of Education to order at 9:06 AM on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

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10 **II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:**

11 Present were: Annie Weyiouanna, Annabelle Cunningham, Silas Paniptchuk, Anthony
12 Haugen, Sr., Irene Navarro, Jane Kava, Jeanette Iya, Aaron Iworriagan, Robert Dickens,
13 Winfred Olanna, Jr., and Robert Tokeinna, Jr. via Teleconference. A quorum was
14 established.

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16 **III. INTRODUCTIONS:**

17 **District School Board Members**

18 Each Board Member introduced themselves and stated which communities they represent.

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20 **Superintendent and District Staff**

21 Madam Chair Weyiouanna introduced Superintendent Dr. Robert Bolen, who introduced
22 District Office staff: Carolyn Heflin – Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Gary
23 Eckenweiler – Director of Facilities and Maintenance, Mark Vink – Business Manager,
24 Perry Corsetti-Director of Human Resource, Sony Mashiana-Coordinator of Maintenance,
25 Jessie Towarak-Coordinator of Special Education, John Weemes-Coordinator of Program
26 Support, Kristen Mashiana-Coordinator of Assessment & ELL, Kris Busk- Coordinator
27 of Instructional Support, Mary Huntington-Coordinator of Cultural Programs, Lisa
28 Haugen – Administrative Assistant.

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30 **IV. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

31 Moment of Silence.

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33 **V. MISSION STATEMENT:**

34 The District Mission Statement was read aloud.

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36 **VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

37 **MOTION:**

38 Robert Tokienna, Jr. moved to approve the agenda with adding Item L under Action Items-
39 Ratify Diomedes School Building from April 20, 2020 Special Meeting. Silas Paniptchuk
40 seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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42 **VII. CONSENT ACTION – 223rd REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

43 **MOTION:**

44 Aaron Iworriagan moved to approve the 223rd Regular Session Minutes as presented.
45 Jeanette Iya seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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47 **VIII. Public Comments**

48 Robert Dickens asked if the Motivational Speaker should be on the agenda. The issue was
49 taken care of already by Superintendent and Chair.

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51 **IX. ACTION ITEMS**

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53 **ACTION ITEM A:**

54 **Personnel Action**

55 Perry Corsetti –Director of Human Resource, presented to the Board.

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57 Superintendent Bolen recommends the following Classified employees for permanent status:

58 <u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
59 Brevig Mission	Bridgette Sherman	Special Education Aide
60 Brevig Mission	Kevin Tocktoo	Special Education Aide 1:1
61 District Office	Adam Nanouk	Itinerant Trade Helper
62 Elim	Doris Kotongan	CTE Educational Aide
63 Gambell	Jonnie Akeya	Educational Aide
64 Gambell	Zinnia Apassingok	Special Education Aide 1:1
65 Koyuk	Benjamin Otton	Cook
66 Savoonga	Bonnie Akeya	Community Rec Supervisor
67 Savoonga	Carla Kava	Special Education Aide
68 Savoonga	Glen Kingeekuk	Cook
69 Savoonga	Michael Kiyuklook	Special Education Aide 1:1
70 Savoonga	Crystal Miklahook	Cook
71 Savoonga	Ryan Miklahook	Special Education Aide 1:1
72 Savoonga	Shawn Noongwook	Custodian
73 Savoonga	Seth Rookok	Special Education Aide 1:1
74 Savoonga	Sabrina Toolie	Special Education Aide
75 Savoonga	Gina Waghiyi	Special Education Aide 1:1
76 Shaktoolik	Zachary Brabazon	Educational Aide
77 Shaktoolik	Jessie Paniptchuk	Special Education Aide 1:1
78 Shaktoolik	Jason Polcyn	Special Education Aide 1:1
79 Shaktoolik	McKenzie Sagoonick	Community Rec Supervisor
80 Shishmaref	Chioke Brent	Special Education Aide 1:1
81 Shishmaref	Allison Topkok	Educational Aide
82 Shishmaref	Raymond Weyiouanna	Special Education Aide 1:1
83 St. Michael	Alex Andrews	Special Education Aide 1:1
84 St. Michael	Anthony Andrews	Special Education Aide
85 St. Michael	Frank Myomick	Special Education Aide 1:1
86 Stebbins	Benny Atchak	Custodian
87 Teller	Kiara Okleasik	Community Rec Supervisor
88 Teller	Carl Topkok	Custodian
89 Teller	Donald Weyanna	Bilingual/Bicultural Aide
90 Unalakleet	Kirstian Haugen	Special Education Aide 1:1
91 Wales	Dave Ongtawasruk	Custodian
92 White Mountain	Candice Amaktoolik	Special Education Aide 1:1
93 White Mountain	Yvonne Gregg	Indian Educational Aide

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95 **MOTION:**

96 Jeanette Iya moved to appoint aforementioned staff to permanent status as Classified Employees
97 for the Bering Strait School District. Robert Tokienna, Jr. seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes.
98 Motion carried.

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100 Superintendent Bolen recommends the following Classified employees for probationary status:

<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
101 District Office	Virginia Olanna	Payroll Clerk
102 Stebbins	Anna Nashoanak	Educational Aide
103 St. Michael	Joseph Hunt	Custodian
104 St. Michael	Lydia Tom	Custodian
105 St. Michael	Mamie Tom	Cook

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108 **MOTION:**

109 Anthony Haugen, Sr. moved to appoint aforementioned staff to probationary status as Classified
110 Employees for the Bering Strait School District. Robert Tokienna, Jr. seconded. Roll call vote
111 11 yes. Motion carried.

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113 **Certificated Employees Recommended for Personnel Action**

114 Superintendent Bolen recommends employment for the following individuals as professional staff
115 members in the Bering Strait School District for the 2020-2021 school year.

<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
116 Brevig Mission	Diane Crockett	Principal
117	Angela Alston	Teacher
118	Steve Alston	Teacher
119	Deana Blowe	Teacher
120	Nikki Calabrese-Hodges	Teacher
121	John Cuzzocreo	Teacher
122	Wesley Deason	Teacher
123	Michael Huhndorf	Teacher
124	Cory Kralovetz	Teacher
125	Kiersten Kralovetz	Teacher
126	Kevin LaBar	Teacher
127	Audrey Matthews	Teacher
128	Rebecca Siegel	Teacher
129	Ginette St. Clair	Teacher
130	Adriana Wooschlager	Teacher

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132 **MOTION:**

133 Winfred Olanna, Jr. moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in Brevig Mission for the
134 2020-2021 school year. Jane Kava and Robert Tokienna, Jr. seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes.
135 Motion carried.

<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
136 Diomedede	Mike Gadbois	Principal
137	Mirabelle Blossom	Teacher

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140 **MOTION:**

141 Jeanette Iya moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in Diomedede for the 2020-2021 school
142 year. Jane Kava seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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	<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
144	Elim	Betty Hall	Principal
145		Samone Frazier-Drath	Teacher
146		Sonia Herrmann	Teacher
147		Sarah Saucedo	Teacher
148		Brittany Scanlan	Teacher
149		Jordan Scanlan	Teacher
150		Susanne Smock	Teacher
151		Mark Vachavake	Teacher
152		Fatemh York	Teacher
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154 **MOTION:**
155 Silas Paniptchuk moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in Elim for the 2020-2021 school
156 year. Jeanette Iya and Robert Tokienna, Jr. seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.
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	<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
158	Gambell	John Brady	Principal
159		Perry Duncan	Assistant Principal
160		Jamie Bachmann	Teacher
161		Samantha Braun	Teacher
162		Wenceslao Cama Jr.	Teacher
163		Rose Cenidoza	Teacher
164		Wendy Douglas	Teacher
165		Margaret Gray	Teacher
166		Penny Gray	Teacher
167		Jayson Guerrero	Teacher
168		Emily Kimball	Teacher
169		Kathleen Klunder	Teacher
170		Courtland Pannebaker	Teacher
171		Marietta Pereslete	Teacher
172		Brittini Reeves	Teacher
173		Beth Shaw	Teacher
174		Keith Shelton	Teacher
175		Dallas Sprout	Teacher
176		Francis Uy	Teacher
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178 **MOTION:**
179 Aaron Iworriagan moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in Gambell for the 2020-2021
180 school year. Winfred Olanna, Jr. and Jeanette Iya seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.
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	<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
182	Golovin	Alan Davis	Principal
183		Martha Davis	Teacher
184		Timothy Davis	Teacher
185		Sheri Elligsen	Teacher
186		Sidney Maurer	Teacher
187		Susan Maurer	Teacher
188		Karen Reese	Teacher
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190 **MOTION:**

191 Irene Navarro moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in Golovin for the 2020-2021 school
192 year. Anthony Haugen, Sr. and Jeanette Iya seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
194 Koyuk	James Thomas	Principal
195	Donald Barr	Teacher
196	Shari Brown	Teacher
197	Giselle Elias	Teacher
198	Anita Karagdag	Teacher
199	Flora Kavairlook	Teacher
200	Ghela Simon	Teacher
201	Heather Swanson	Teacher
202	Fjell Thomas	Teacher
203	Cirilo Tormis	Teacher
204	Maria Tormis	Teacher
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206 **MOTION:**
207 Anthony Haugen, Sr. moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in Koyuk for the 2020-2021
208 school year. Jeanette Iya seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
210 Savoonga	Gaetano Brancaleone	Principal
211	Laura Huggins	Assistant Principal
212	Nicholas Czelusniak	Teacher
213	Josephine Daniels	Teacher
214	Robyn Dulco	Teacher
215	Janet Festa	Teacher
216	Celeste Foster	Teacher
217	Aaron Freeman	Teacher
218	Tiffany Gerwig	Teacher
219	Barbara Harberts	Teacher
220	Scott Herrmann	Teacher
221	Kathleen Kerkhoff	Teacher
222	Kathryn Mansfield	Teacher
223	Melissa Matthews	Teacher
224	David Mitchell	Teacher
225	David Mock	Teacher
226	Kaitlyn Piekarski	Teacher
227	Mabel Pilapil	Teacher
228	Melissa Schuyler-Carlson	Teacher
229	Merlyn Vertudazo	Teacher
230	Lesley Wallace	Teacher
231	Kristen Woodie	Teacher
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233 **MOTION:**
234 Jeanette Iya moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in Savoonga for the 2020-2021 school
235 year. Jane Kava seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
237 Shaktoolik	Susan Nedza	Principal
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239	Lynda Bekoalok	Teacher
240	Jessica Brabazon	Teacher
241	Jennifer Cross	Teacher
242	Brittany Deshner	Teacher
243	Bonnie Franklin	Teacher
244	Lisa Kelley	Teacher
245	Tiana Nelson	Teacher
246	Stacey Paniptchuk	Teacher
247	Katie Polcyn	Teacher

MOTION:

249 Winfred Olanna, Jr. moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in Shaktoolik for the 2020-
 250 2021 school year. Jane Kava and Robert Tokienna, Jr. seconded. Roll call vote 10 yes. Silas
 251 Paniptchuk abstained from voting. Motion carried.

<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
254	Sean Mikels	Principal
255	Angela Bennett	Teacher
256	Stephanie Benson	Teacher
257	Daniel Barnett	Teacher
258	Bethany Brokaw	Teacher
259	Amy Eningowuk	Teacher
260	George Guyver	Teacher
261	Allison Hargrave	Teacher
262	Randy Holweger	Teacher
263	Roben Itchoak	Teacher
264	Katherine Kokeok	Teacher
265	Shaun Milligan	Teacher
266	Samuel Schmidt	Teacher
267	Kenneth Stenek	Teacher
268	Jessica Vaudreuil	Teacher
269	Lisa Villano	Teacher
270	Robert Young	Teacher
271	Polly Ziegler	Teacher

MOTION:

273 Jeanette Iya moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in Shishmaref for the 2020-2021
 274 school year. Jane Kava seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
277	Frank Stanek	Principal
278	Brian Walston	Assistant Principal
279	Kristina Benitez	Teacher
280	Carol Caplinger-Lemons	Teacher
281	Hermelinda Cespedes	Teacher
282	Ruthchel Collado	Teacher
283	Sherry Hardin	Teacher
284	Sandra King	Teacher
285	Crystal Knight	Teacher
286	Greg Kurtz	Teacher

287	Jill McCauley	Teacher
288	BethAnn Miner	Teacher
289	Kristin Rothe	Teacher
290	Brian Sierra	Teacher
291	Leah Stanek	Teacher
292	Hazel Tagaan-Zambas	Teacher
293	Penny Tinker	Teacher
294	Bradley Tribble	Teacher
295	Anna Voronko	Teacher

MOTION:

296 Annabelle Cunningham moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in St. Michael for the
 297 2020-2021 school year. Jeanette Iya and Anthony Haugen, Sr. seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes.
 298 Motion carried.

<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
301	John Juvinal	Principal
302	Robert Cooper	Assistant Principal
303	Sarah Swanson	Counselor
304	Aia Baylon	Teacher
305	Renee Bingman	Teacher
306	Martin Biondo	Teacher
307	Shaleigh Confer	Teacher
308	Liezel Curiba	Teacher
309	Anne Elliott	Teacher
310	Lon Gillas	Teacher
311	Jaimie Gleissner	Teacher
312	Dorothy Jeffcoat	Teacher
313	Andrew Larsen	Teacher
314	Eric Leusch	Teacher
315	Maria Mariaca	Teacher
316	Sisa Paje	Teacher
317	Angelica Timbush	Teacher
318	Stephanie Watkins	Teacher

MOTION:

319 Jane Kava moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in Stebbins for the 2020-2021 school
 320 year. Jeanette Iya seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
321	Edward Snow	Principal
322	Paula Alvana	Teacher
323	Eric Boring	Teacher
324	Glory Gregorio	Teacher
325	Damiris Martinez	Teacher
326	Chester John Pasco	Teacher
327	Rosena Snow	Teacher
328	Jonah Tandog	Teacher
329	Darrel Van Dusen	Teacher
330	Eric Wolford	Teacher

335 **MOTION:**

336 Irene Navarro moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in Teller for the 2020-2021 school
337 year. Jeanette Iya seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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339 **SITE:**

NAME:

POSITION:

340 **Unalakleet**

Sharene Craft

Principal

341 Jason Harris

Assistant Principal

342 Kristen McDonald

Counselor

343 Mori Busk

Teacher

344 Karen Coffey

Teacher

345 Heather Dickens

Teacher

346 Megan Ellis

Teacher

347 Bethany Fernstrom

Teacher

348 Samanthah Goossen

Teacher

349 Jodi Grewe

Teacher

350 Dean Ivanoff

Teacher

351 Treca Ivanoff

Teacher

352 Jamie Katchatag

Teacher

353 Sandra Manning

Teacher

354 Amber Martin

Teacher

355 Giaana Peterson

Teacher

356 Samantha Razzo

Teacher

357 Reid Tulloch

Teacher

358 Brad Webster

Teacher

359 Brittany Wirth

Teacher

360 **MOTION:**

361 Anthony Haugen, Sr. moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in Unalakleet for the 2020-
362 2021 school year. Winfred Olanna, Jr. seconded. Roll call vote 10 yes. Robert Dickens abstained
363 from voting. Motion carried.

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365 **SITE:**

NAME:

POSITION:

366 **Wales**

Steve Sammons

Principal

367 Frances Bandalas

Teacher

368 Brandon Beard

Teacher

369 Leslie Anne Ditaunon

Teacher

370 Kathy Freeman

Teacher

371 Dawn Hendrickson

Teacher

372 Rose Viray

Teacher

373 **MOTION:**

374 Robert Tokienna, Jr. moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in Wales for the 2020-2021
375 school year. Jane Kava seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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377 **SITE:**

NAME:

POSITION:

378 **White Mountain**

David Fair

Principal

379 Jack Adams

Teacher

380 Christian Close

Teacher

381 Mackenzie Ervin

Teacher

382 Malia Gabbitas

Teacher

383	Tammie Holt	Teacher
384	Terrence Merfeld	Teacher
385	Jon Todd	Teacher
386	Joanna Wassillie	Teacher

387 **MOTION:**

388 Jane Kava moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in White Mountain for the 2020-2021
 389 school year. Winfred Olanna, Jr. seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
392 NACTEC	Doug Walrath	Director
393	Kevin Busk	Coordinator
394	Cary Sargent	Counselor
395	Vincent Villella	AHEC Facilitator
396	Mary Naaktgeboren	Teacher
397	Amber Otton	Teacher
398	Christopher Paskvan	Teacher
399	Brent Weitzel	Teacher

400 **MOTION:**

401 Anthony Haugen, Sr. moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers at NACTEC for the 2020-
 402 2021 school year. Jeanette Iya seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
405 District Office	Steve Bellande	Itinerant Counselor
406	Karen Beranek	Itinerant Sci/Social Studies Facilitator
407	Amber Cunningham	Registrar
408	Jerry Eller	Ed Tech Facilitator
409	Chase Ervin	Ed Tech Facilitator
410	Surmeet Gaba	Itinerant Counselor
411	Rayna Halverson	Itinerant ELA Facilitator
412	Michael Isom	Itinerant Counselor
413	Steve Lawson	Itinerant Counselor
414	Letatia Long	Itinerant Counselor
415	Jessica Marks	Special Education Program Facilitator
416	Luke McDonald	Itinerant Math Facilitator
417	Carol Shipe	Early Learning Facilitator
418	Brianna Wheeler	Itinerant Art Facilitator

419 **MOTION:**

420 Anthony Haugen, Sr. moved to hire aforementioned staff as teachers in the District Office for the
 421 2020-2021 school year. Winfred Olanna, Jr. seconded. Roll call vote 10 yes. Annabelle
 422 Cunningham abstained from voting. Motion carried.

423

<u>SITE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>POSITION:</u>
425 District Office	Kris Busk	Director
426	Gary Eckenweiler	Director
427	Carolyn Heflin	Director
428	Mark Vink	Business Manager
429	Tammy Dodd	Coordinator
430	Jennifer Eller	Coordinator

431	Mary Huntington	Coordinator
432	Yuri Ivanoff	Pilot
433	Kristen Mashiana	Coordinator
434	Ravinder Mashiana	Coordinator
435	Jessica Towarak	Coordinator
436	John Weemes	Coordinator
437	Alfred Commack	Quality Control
438	Tera Cunningham	HR Specialist
439	Brendan Ellis	Student Activities Specialist
440	Yannita Ivanoff	Food Service Manager
441	Donald Masters	Travel Manager
442	Cathy Millett-Burress	Payroll Manager

443 **MOTION:**

444 Winfred Olanna, Jr. moved to hire aforementioned staff as professional staff in the District Office
 445 for the 2020-2021 school year. Robert Tokienna, Jr. seconded. Roll call vote 10 yes. Annabelle
 446 Cunningham abstained from voting. Motion carried.

448 **ACTION ITEM B:**

449 **FY20 Revised Budget**

450 Mark Vink – Business Manager presented to the Board.

451
 452 Revenues from Foundation and Impact Aid have been updated to the amounts per the final review
 453 and adjusted figures. We ended up with a net gain in revenues. We are also recognizing our share
 454 of the one-time funding paid out. Other revenue sources are relatively constant.

455
 456 Salary changes have been adjusted to reflect the salaries per the actual contracts signed. Benefits
 457 have been increased to account for higher health costs.

458
 459 Expenses have been decreased in insurance for corresponding amount for our amount invoiced.
 460 Teaching supplies have been increased. Travel been increased to better agree with the amount
 461 used for the year.

462
 463 We anticipate being able to reduce fuel costs due to our purchase agreement with NSEDC.

464
 465 We are also proposing a transfer to capital projects due to the additional Foundation funding and
 466 a reduction to Service Credit transfers.

467
 468 Most other budget lines are about the same as last year.

469
 470 The overall FY2020 budget is very similar to the original FY2020 budget with the exceptions
 471 mentioned above.

472
 473 See Attachment A.

474 **MOTION:**

475 Jeanette Iya moved to approve the FY2020 Revised Operating Budget as presented. Robert
 476 Tokienna, Jr. seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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 478 **ACTION ITEM C:**

479 **FY21 Revised Budget**

480 Mark Vink – Business Manager presented to the Board.

481

482 Revenues from Foundation and Impact Aid have been updated to use current information of our
483 student count for next year. The net increase is almost \$1,800,000. We are also recognizing our
484 share of the one-time funding approved in this session. We anticipate other revenue sources to be
485 about the same as the prior year.

486

487 FY2021 will be the third year of a negotiated agreement with the teachers. The board typically
488 extends salary increases to administrative and classified employees equal to the teacher increase.

489

490 Non-personnel costs are projected to be similar to the prior year with the exception of a couple of
491 items. We have budgeted \$120,000 for two locations to upgrade to VOIP phone systems due to
492 system age and to maximize the return from the E-Rate program. We also expect insurance and
493 travel costs to increase due to changes in the market.

494

495 The overall FY2021 budget is very similar to the FY2020 budget with the exceptions mentioned
496 above.

497

498 The net effect of the budget changes is that we anticipate being able to contribute funds to our
499 capital project fund for continued upkeep on district facilities.

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501 See Attachment B.

502 **MOTION:**

503 Jeanette Iya moved to approve the FY2021 Operating Budget as presented. Robert Dickens
504 presented. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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506 **ACTION ITEM D:**

507 **Brevig Mission -AHFC Teacher Housing Grant**

508 Gary Eckenweiler-Director of Maintenance presented to the Board.

509

510 The Bering Strait School District has been awarded a \$381,888 Teacher, Health Profession
511 Housing Grants from Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) and State of Alaska to
512 construct a teacher housing 3-plex in Brevig Mission. Of the projects total budget, \$741,888
513 BSSD has a 48.5%, \$360,000 participating share.

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515 **MOTION:**

516 Anthony Haugen, Sr. moved accept the \$381,888 AHFC grant and approve the expenditure of
517 BSSD's 48.5%, \$360,000 participating share as presented. Jeanette Iya seconded. Roll call vote
518 11 yes. Motion carried.

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520 **ACTION ITEM E:**

521 **Shaktoolik-AHFC Teacher Housing Grant**

522 Gary Eckenweiler-Director of Maintenance presented to the Board.

523

524 The Bering Strait School District has been awarded a \$484,602 Teacher, Health Profession
525 Housing Grants from Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) and State of Alaska to
526 construct a teacher housing 3-plex in Shaktoolik. Of the projects total budget, \$941,428 BSSD

527 has a 48.5%, \$456,826 participating share.

528

529 **MOTION:**

530 Silas Paniptchuk moved to accept the \$484,602 AHFC grant and approve the expenditure of
531 BSSD's 48.5%, \$456,826 participating share as presented. Robert Tokienna, Jr. seconded. Roll
532 call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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534 **ACTION ITEM F:**

535 **Wales School-Water Damage Repair**

536 Sony Mashiana-Coordinator presented to the Board.

537

538 As previously reported, the Wales School roof was blown off during a severe windstorm. As the
539 seasons are beginning to change and the weather is warming up, the roof has developed multiple
540 leaks throughout the school building. There is extensive water damage to ceiling tiles, carpeted
541 areas in all of the classrooms, library and main office area. Replacing the ceiling tiles and floor
542 coverings will be one of our priorities this summer after the new roofing is installed. We will be
543 seeking bids for labor from outside contractors for this project. The projected cost of this project
544 could exceed \$130,000.00.

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546 **MOTION:**

547 Annabelle Cunningham moved to approve a project cost of \$150,000.00 for replacing carpet,
548 ceiling tiles and labor as presented. Anthony Haugen, Sr. seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion
549 carried.

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551 **ACTION ITEM G:**

552 **Special Education Service Provider Contract**

553 Jessie Towarak-Coordinator presented to the Board.

554

555 BSSD provides Special Education services to approximately 200 students within our district. Out
556 of that total, approximately 125 -140 students are served with Speech and Language Therapy
557 through these contracted services. It is imperative that we meet these services as designated by
558 Individualized Education Plans.

559

560 **MOTION:**

561 Anthony Haugen, Sr. moved to approve the MOA between BSSD and Sherri Maxwell for the
562 provision of Speech and Language Services to the Bering Strait School District for FY21 as it is
563 over \$50,000, totaling \$71,570.00, in addition to travel related expenses up to \$6000.00. Jeanette
564 Iya seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.

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566 **ACTION ITEM H:**

567 **FY20 Audit Proposal**

568 Mark Vink-Business Manager presented to the Board.

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570 Audit requirements have the Board of Directors approve the selection of an auditing firm.

571

572 The current District auditing firm of Altman, Rogers and Co. is scheduled to perform this years
573 Audit. This firm has prepared our audit for the past number of years and we have had no issues
574 working with this firm.

575 **MOTION:**
576 Anthony Haugen, Sr. moved to retain and approve Altman, Rogers & Co. as the auditor for the
577 year ending June 30, 2020. Winfred Olanna, Jr. seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.
578

579 **ACTION ITEM I:**

580 **CLSD Grant Approval**

581 Carolyn Heflin-Director presented to the Board.

582 The Bering Strait School District has received a Comprehensive Literacy State Development
583 (CLSD) grant in the amount of \$1,412,718.97. Goals of BSSD's CLSD Grant include the
584 following:

- 585
- 586 • Provide in-district professional development opportunities to teachers in Foundational Skills
587 instruction.
 - 588 • Provide out of district professional development opportunities to teachers in Foundational Skills
589 instruction.
 - 590 • Monitor Foundational Skills instruction and provide feedback to build a learning community.
 - 591 • Purchase and implement Fast ForWord into RTI small group daily instruction.
 - 592 • Organize monthly family literacy events.
- 593

594 Attached you will find more information about Foundational Skills instruction as well as information
595 about Fast ForWord.

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597 See Attachment C.

598 **MOTION:**

599 Annabelle Cunningham moved to approve the acceptance of the CLSD Grant in the total amount
600 of \$1,412,718.97 as presented. Jane Kava seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.
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602 **ACTION ITEM J:**

603 **FY21 Proposed BSSD Calendar (Ratification)**

604 Carolyn Heflin-Director presented to the Board.
605

606 Based on the recommendations given by the board on February 6, 2020, the FY21 BSSD Calendar
607 proposal was revised to feature less Saturday staff and student contact days and the Christmas vacation
608 was shortened. The attached FY21 BSSD Calendar proposal was approved (9-0) 2 absent by phone poll
609 on April 1, 2020.

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611 See attachment D.

612 **MOTION:**

613 Annabelle Cunningham moved to ratify the approved phone poll with (9) yes, (2) absent that
614 could not reach over the phone conducted on April 1, 2020. Aaron Iworrigan seconded. Roll call
615 vote 11 yes. Motion carried.
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617 **ACTION ITEM K:**

618 **FY21 Proposed Meeting Schedule**

619 Dr. Bolen – Superintendent presented to the Board.
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621 **2020-2021 Meeting Schedule**

622	September 19-20		AASB Fall Boardsmanship
623			<i>Fairbanks</i>
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625	September 24		Board Meeting
626			<i>Shishmaref</i>
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628	November 4		Board Meeting
629			<i>Anchorage, AK – Captain Cook</i>
630			
631	November 5-8		AASB Annual Conference
632			<i>Anchorage, AK – Captain Cook</i>
633			
634	December 9		Board Workshop
635			Anchorage, AK
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637	December 10		Board Committee Meetings
638			Anchorage, AK
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640	December 11-12		AASB Winter Boardsmanship
641			<i>Anchorage, AK</i>
642			
643	February 4		Board Meeting
644			<i>Teller</i>
645			
646	April 22		Board Meeting
647			<i>Brevig Mission</i>
648	Future proposed		
649	April 2021	Gambell	
650	September 2021	St. Michael	
651	February 2022	Wales	
652	April 2022	Savoonga	
653	September 2022	Stebbins	
654	February 2023	Golovin	
655	April 2023	Unalakleet	
656	September 2023	Shaktoolik	
657	February 2024	White Mountain	
658	April 2024	Elim	
659	September 2024	Koyuk	
660	February 2025	Shishmaref	
661	April 2025	Teller	
662	September 2025	Brevig Mission	
663	February 2026	Gambell	
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665	<u>MOTION:</u>		
666	Anthony Haugen, Sr. moved to approve the 2020-2021 Board Meeting schedule as presented. Jeanette		
667	Iya seconded. Roll call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.		
668			

669 **IX. REPORT ITEMS**

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671 **REPORT ITEM A:**

672 **3rd Quarter Financial**

673 Mark Vink –Business Manager presented to the Board.

674 See Attachment E

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676 **REPORT ITEM B:**

677 **Facilities**

678 Gary Eckenweiler-Director presented to the Board.

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680 **BSSD Schools and Capital Improvement:**

681 **Shishmaref K-12 Renovation/Addition**

682 This project has reached a milestone: on February 13, the entire school opened for students and
683 staff. Since January 9, we've been holding classes in the classrooms but the contractor was still
684 working and some of the areas were still off-limits to us, such as restrooms and a couple
685 classrooms. The contractors are on winter brea now and plan to return mid-May. Items to complete
686 are: exterior siding, exterior decks and ramps, permanent utilidor construction, door locks, and a
687 punch-list of about 100 smaller items. When the contractors return in May they plan on using the
688 same labor model, which has been about one-half SKW workers and one-half local Shishmaref
689 workers. More than once SKW has praised the local carpenters and laborers. By mid-July the
690 project should be 100% complete. Due to this being a renovation addition, construction took place
691 while school was in session placing a lot of stress on students and staff and now the Covid-19
692 virus. It will be a welcome relief next August walking into a finished new school. This renovation
693 is projected to finish very close to its \$17,014,294 budget.

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695 A couple before-and-after photos:

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698 *Zack & Tyler Sept. 2019 and wrapping up this same area Jan. 2020*

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 703 *The elementary school on the Shishmaref beach Sept. 2019 and the interior of the elementary*
 704 *Jan. 2020*

705 **Brevig Mission K-12 Renovation/Addition**

706 Planning stages have begun for this project. Burkhart/Croft architects have begun the process of
 707 developing initial conceptual ideas for this addition/renovation. As with a lot of life right now the
 708 Covid-19 virus has cut into our plans. We had a trip planned with the architect and engineering
 709 team to Brevig the end of March, but like many travel plans this trip has been postponed. We are
 710 continuing to work with the architects but the site visit to perform a condition survey is key. Our
 711 hope is that we can get the group to Brevig by mid-summer. If this can take place we'll be able to
 712 have the ground work completed to submit a capital improvement grant application to DEED this
 713 coming fall.

714
 715 **BSSD Teacher Housing:**

716 Teacher housing keeps our maintenance/facilities department busy year-round. As a whole, our
 717 DO staff and our site maintenance persons spend more time on housing than the schools. This
 718 year is no exception, we currently have a number of teacher housing projects in the works.

719
 720 **St. Michael**

721 Overall St. Michael has some very nice housing but more so than other sites Mother Nature is
 722 giving us a battle. We are planning on completing some major work there this summer and are
 723 hoping Covid-19 doesn't cut in. We have a 5-plex and a duplex that were both old schools
 724 converted into housing. Both buildings are in need of some major maintenance. We have leaking
 725 roof surfaces causing damage (these need to be replaced) and leaking windows requiring resetting.
 726 With these leaks there is quite a bit of interior damage to the ceilings, floors and walls. Also in St
 727 Michael we are dealing with very bad permafrost melt causing major ground sinking under our
 728 housing. Leveling these building has become yearly task there. Our plan is to contract these larger
 729 jobs out.



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 731 *SMK old school duplex and SMK old school 5-plex*

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734 *Water damage in our SMK housing*

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736 **Shishmaref**

737 With the all the students now being housed in the school, our five portable classrooms are unused.

738 This summer we will convert three of these into housing. One will become a duplex and two of

739 them will become 2-bedroom units. These projects should go as planned even with the current

740 travel bans. We are utilizing a good group of local Shishmaref carpenters for these conversions.

741 We plan on moving some of the material needed by air so we can get an early start on this project.

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743 **Shaktoolik and Brevig Mission**

744 BSSD has received two sizable grants for new teacher housing from AHFC/State of AK teacher,

745 health professional housing program. At both these sites we are constructing triplexes, very

746 similar to the one we built in Unalakleet. The architecture and engineering was completed by

747 Architects Alaska. The contractor will be selected through a formal bid process. Typically we

748 would require these AHFC projects to be completed by Dec 31, 2020. This time though with all

749 the unknowns from the Covid-19 virus and AHFC not awarding these grants until March, the

750 completion deadline will be set at July 31, 2021. Both of these teacher housing projects will be

751 built on the schools' lots. The budget amounts for these two projects are Brevig Mission,

752 AHFC/State of AK \$381,888, BSSD capital projects fund \$360,000 totaling \$741,888,

753 Shaktoolik, AHFC/State of AK \$484,602, BSSD capital projects fund \$456,826 totaling

754 \$941,428.



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756 *The Brevig and Shaktoolik 3-plex will be similar to this new 3-plex in Unalakleet.*

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758 **Golovin**

759 BSSD owns a modular unit that we acquired from the Shaktoolik School's contractors. This unit

760 has been in Golovin for three years. Our intension is to convert this unit into an efficiency-style

761 duplex. The bulk of the construction material was brought to Golovin two years ago. The

762 remaining material, appliances, furniture, furnace and such will arrive on the summer barge. The

763 labor for this project will be contracted out. This is another project that may see a schedule change
764 if travel bans are still in place.

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766 **REPORT ITEM C:**

767 **Maintenance**

768 Sony Mashiana-Coordinator presented to the Board.

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770 **Disinfecting Supplies:** In response to COVID 19, we have provided all BSSD Schools with
771 disinfecting supplies and equipment, along with instructions for their use. We have also
772 procured 18 Electrostatic Sprayer/ Foggers, and shipment is expected by the middle of June.

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774 **GYM Floors:** Last year, the United Floors contracting company successfully recoated 10
775 wooden gym floors. Reviews from all the site administrators were great. We have asked the
776 United Flooring company to provide the recoating services again this year. Their schedule
777 will be pending at this time. When the travel restrictions are lifted, the contractor will
778 schedule the travel itinerary.

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780 **Wales School:** The Wales school roof sustained extensive damage due to some severe wind
781 storms. Due to the seasonal rise in temperature and change of weather conditions the
782 interior of the school has developed extensive water damage. Carpeting has to be replaced
783 along with ceiling tiles throughout the school. I have consulted with Mr. Mark Vink regarding
784 the scope of this project, as it may fall under the insurance claim along with roof.

785
786 **Annual Fire Inspections:** Yukon Fire inspection will be conducting the annual inspections
787 of all the sprinkler and fire alarm systems throughout all the schools. Their travel plans are
788 on hold due to COVID 19 travel restrictions. Yukon Fire inspection company will also be
789 updating Unalakleet schools with a new fire alarm system and tying the whole system into
790 one panel.

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792 **Gambell School Doors:** There are a few more doors that we could not complete last fall.
793 Depending on travel and man power we will get them finished.

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795 **PA System Upgrade:** We selected the Visiplex PA system to upgrade the PA systems at the
796 Stebbins, Unalakleet, Elim and Gambell Schools.

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798 **Personnel:** We continue to search for a plumber and an electrician. We face ongoing
799 challenges in regards to personnel showing up to work, and an excessive use of sick leave is
800 a systemic problem, as well as routinely missing work on the first day and last day of 13-day
801 work rotations. The use of annual leave without any prior notice is also one of the biggest
802 issues. All of these impacts our projects negatively. We cannot meet deadlines for the
803 projects with such chaotic scheduling. In addition, due to travel restrictions throughout the
804 country our BSSD Carpenter is currently stranded in Pennsylvania.

805
806 **Training:** All sites' maintenance personnel and the BSSD maintenance itinerant crew
807 received Safe School Training in the following subjects:

- 808 • Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention
809 • Active School Shooter

- 810 • Child Abuse
- 811 • Back Injury and lifting.
- 812 • Hand and Power Tools Safety Overview.

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814 **Unalakleet:** It is our goal to finish the middle unit of the Unalakleet Tri-Plex, before the next
815 school year starts.

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817 **REPORT ITEM D:**
818 **Recruiting Update**

819 Perry Corsetti-Director presented to the Board.

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821 BSSD recruiters were able to attend 6 teacher education fairs in March 2020 before the COVID-
822 19 emergency travel and health mandates were implemented. Originally, we had scheduled to
823 attend 26 fairs in March and April 2020. Changes in strategies have involved taking advantage of
824 more online advertising including establishing an account with Indeed.com and conducting an
825 electronic job fair with Alaska Teacher Placement.

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827 As of the writing of this report, we have hired 46 new teachers for FY21. We currently have 9
828 openings. Our turnover rate is consistent with the longstanding BSSD average of needing between
829 50-60 new teachers per year.

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831 Noteworthy, of the 46 new teachers, we will again be hosting 13 international teachers next year
832 in 5 villages. In FY19 and FY20 we had 6 international teachers working in 3 different villages.
833 Our international teachers have been well received and proven to be diligent, compassionate, and
834 a professional addition to our schools.

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836 **REPORT ITEM E:**
837 **Curriculum & Instruction**

838 Carolyn Heflin-Director presented to the Board.

839
840 The closing of school facilities due to COVID 19 has presented a challenge in fourth quarter
841 instruction and student learning. The Curriculum and Instruction Department have been working
842 on the following:

- 843
844 • Assisting each school in their organization and documentation of a long distance learning
845 plan that is tailored to meet the needs of their community.
- 846
847 • Creation of a “BSSD Shared Enrichment Resources” Google Shared Drive for all teachers
848 to post and share learning materials that can be sent home.
- 849
850 • Scheduling weekly grade band meetings via Google Meet with teachers that would like to
851 share ideas, collaborate and ask questions.
- 852
853 • Arranging for each K-8 student to receive a Scholastic “To Go Pack” and each 9-12
854 student to receive a Scholastic “Award Winners” pack.
- 855
856 • Providing continuous support to teachers through phone calls and emails.

857 To take a look at the “BSSD Shared Enrichment Resources” Google Shared Drive, click on the
858 following link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0ACbIA2wDT6LWUk9PVA>.

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860 In addition, to view the most recently published article from the Curriculum & Instruction
861 Department about BSSD’s GEAR UP program, click on the following link:

862 [https://ouralaskanschools.edublogs.org/2020/02/19/inspiring-a-passion-for-stem-on-the-](https://ouralaskanschools.edublogs.org/2020/02/19/inspiring-a-passion-for-stem-on-the-western-edge-of-alaska/)
863 [western-edge-of-alaska/](https://ouralaskanschools.edublogs.org/2020/02/19/inspiring-a-passion-for-stem-on-the-western-edge-of-alaska/)

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865 **REPORT ITEM F:**

866 **Ed Tech/ COVID-19 Summary**

867 John Weemes–Coordinator presented to the Board.

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869 The Bering Strait School District recognizes the significance of Career and Technical Education
870 programs working in concert with college and career readiness activities that expose students to
871 multiple postsecondary pathways. This emphasis on post-secondary readiness has resulted in
872 numerous facilities improvement projects that include the enhancement of existing instructional
873 spaces and completing the construction of additional multi-purpose buildings that support design
874 and industry instructional opportunities. District staff supports programs and activities at our 15
875 school sites by providing onsite training for instructional staff, expediting the ordering and
876 distribution of instructional materials and equipment, and providing guidance for site specific
877 activities based upon the individual needs and capacities of our 15 schools. The Bering Strait
878 School District supports the CTE activities at NACTEC with financial resources and a
879 commitment to encouraging student participation in NACTEC experiences. CTE programs are
880 delivered at sites by a combination of staff holding CTE/Vocational certification(s); Regular Ed.
881 Certification(s) as well as Locally recognized Experts (Type M). In addition, Bering Strait School
882 District employs an itinerant Fine and Performing Arts Facilitator who functions much like the
883 CTE Facilitator to bring design components to all classrooms in the district. Many times the CTE
884 and FPA staff offer cross-curricular activities in collaboration with our Cultural Program
885 Coordinator and site instructors to support traditional activities and to document those with Digital
886 Storytelling and Creative Place-Making activities as examples of collaboration among the District
887 staff and site stakeholders.

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889 **CURRENT PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES**

890 **Site Based Repair/Restoration**

891 -Sleds (flat, basket and racing)

892 -Mechanized Equipment (4-wheeler, snow machine and outboards)

893 -Aluminum boat repair

894 -Home and Facility maintenance

895 **Basic Wood Fabrication**

896 -Introduction to Woods

897 -Basic Frame Carpentry

898 **Basic Metal Fabrication**

899 -Introduction to Metals

900 -Metal repair and fabrication

901 -Introduction to aluminum fabrication

902 **Small Engine Repair**

903 -Basic maintenance and repair

904 -Maritime power

905 **21st Century Fabrication Equipment (Fab-Labs)**

- 906 -CNC Laser Routers
- 907 -CNC Mechanical Router
- 908 -Basic and Advanced 3D printing
- 909 -CNC Vinyl Cutters
- 910 -CAD/CAM Software for design and manufacturing

911 **Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) aka “drones”**

- 912 • -Advanced Systems for capturing event video, facilities documentation, etc.
- 913 • -Basic Systems for site based instruction, integration and engagement

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915 **DEVELOPING PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES**

916 **Mobile Fabrication Lab**

917 A self-contained CNC design and manufacturing “laboratory” that would travel around the district
918 to engage students with numerous tools intended to support creative problem solving of real world
919 challenges/needs.

920 **Micro Fabrication Labs**

921 Small scale rotational “kits” that house all materials needed to offer one type of CNC design and
922 fabrication. These micro labs would rotate around the district to support CTE and general
923 education or as the focus for semester long CTE courses.

924 **Aluminum Boat Fabrication**

925 Develop an industry standard aluminum boat fabrication program that will lead to the production
926 of the next generation of commercial fishing boats and subsistence craft for use in the regional
927 fisheries. The structure and program will function as a regional training center for replicating
928 aluminum boat building in the expanded shops of all school sites.

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930 **Unmanned Aerial Systems (a.k.a. UAV or drone)**

931 We continue to utilize Unmanned Aerial Systems in stand-alone instructional activities that
932 address numerous focus industries in Alaska and beyond. Systemic inclusion of Unmanned
933 Aerial Systems for the support and enhancement of all curricular and extracurricular programs as
934 a lever for 21st century skill acquisition for all learners is an overarching goal of the Unmanned
935 Aerial Systems Program in the Bering Strait School District. We are exploring the reality of
936 utilizing Anchorage School District’s structures and curricula to develop a BSSD UAS FAA (Part
937 107) commercial drone pilot license strand as a STEM initiative. The use of these resources to
938 enhance instruction continues to grow around the district. Shaktoolik and Unalakleet have offered
939 elective courses in Unmanned Aerial Systems.

940 **Number of Students Participating in Career and Technical Education - Fine and**
941 **Performing Arts - Bicultural and Bilingual Programs – Superintendent Goal**

FY18/FY19/FY20	CTE	Arts	Bicultural	Language
Student enrollments	684/646/385	494/488/513	862/809/758	158/165/173
Number of Courses	44/41/44	23/26/28	11/11/11	9/8/10

942 These numbers represent statistically similar student enrollments and courses offered in all
943 categories based on the slight decline in the overall BSSD student population.

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945 **Technology Update**

946 **Hardware** The district has completed our deployment of Chromebooks for use by students during
 947 the instructional day and for all testing (PEAKS WIDA & MAP) -We are in the final stages of
 948 refreshing all generation one SMART interactive whiteboards with a mass purchase of (100)
 949 current generation SMART boards in the fall. -We are placing (2) new servers at each site for
 950 testing and device management.

951 **eRate and BAG Grant** The FY2021 School Broadband Assistance Grant (BAG) provides State
 952 funding to help school districts get all of their schools up to 25 mbps. From FY2015 through
 953 FY2020, the School BAG program provided support to bring all schools up to 10 mbps. Starting
 954 in FY2021, the School BAG program now provides funding to bring all schools up to 25 mbps.

955 **REPORT ITEM G:**

956 **Testing Summary**

957 Kristen Mashiana-Coordinator presented to the Board.

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 959 The testing season began as it does every year, with the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs test.

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 961 The State testing window for the WIDA ACCESS for ELLs opened on February 3rd and remained
 962 open through March 31st within which we set a District testing window, during which time we
 963 would complete all of our ACCESS testing. The District testing window was set to close on Feb
 964 14th. The purpose of this smaller window was to allow us the time to transition from the ACCESS
 965 test to the PEAKS test without any overlap. We had close to 550 students eligible to be assessed
 966 district-wide this year. Test administrators/proctors completed the required test administration
 967 training and worked with their site administrators to complete the testing in the most efficient
 968 way, in an attempt to minimize the impact testing would have on daily instruction. The WIDA
 969 ACCESS is given in the online format with the exception of Kindergarten testing, the Writing
 970 portion for grades 1-3, and any students with significant cognitive disabilities who qualify to take
 971 the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs, who take the test in paper format.

972
 973 Below you will find the breakdown by site of EL (formerly known as LEP) students who qualified
 974 to take the WIDA ACCESS for Ells test this year.

Site	KTS	DIO	ELI	GAM	GLV	KKA	SVA	SKK	SHH	SMK	WBB	TLA	UNK	WAA	WMO
EL Count	37	2	6	103	3	27	183	25	56	21	48	5	11	9	10

975 Everything was in place for grades 3-9 to take the PEAKS test, which includes English language
 976 arts and math assessments, and students in grades 4, 8, and 10 to take the Alaska Science
 977 Assessment in time for the opening of the state test window. The State window for PEAKS/AK
 978 Science was set to open on March 30th and remain open until May 1st. However, due to the
 979 escalating situation with the COVID-19 virus the Department of Education made the decision to
 980 apply for a waiver to be released from testing for the remainder of this school year, and that waiver
 981 was subsequently granted.

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 983 We were successful in completing nearly all of the WIDA testing prior to the decision from the
 984 Dept of Education, but due to the schools being closed down, some of the remaining tests were
 985 not completed. We have been informed that results will be sent to districts, but at a later date than
 986 usual because the vendor(DRC), which is in Minnesota is completely shut down at this time.

987 In addition to our mandated testing we successfully completed the Winter MAP benchmark within
988 the district window of January 13th- 24th. The Spring Benchmark of course will not be taking
989 place this year.

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991 Stay healthy and I look forward to planning for a successful testing year in FY21.

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993 **REPORT ITEM H:**

994 **Trauma Engaged**

995 Kris Busk-Coordinator presented to the Board.

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997 **Trauma-Informed** – During this time of responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, our counselor
998 team has been working steadily to connect with families and teachers with continued support for
999 social emotional learning. They have been working not only to connect to families in person by
1000 phone and social media, but also to provide resources to teacher to infuse enrichment activities
1001 into the materials being sent home to the students. Our future intentions for next year are to train
1002 new administrators and teachers in the fall regarding trauma-informed practices with strategies
1003 specifically aligned to our region’s culture. Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, we will
1004 provide on-going support to all schools. Our overall goal is to exhibit culturally relevant and
1005 evidence-based trauma informed best practices in each of the 15 schools, NACTEC, and the
1006 district office.

1007 **Counselors** – We are excited to have a full team of counselors hired for next year! One of the
1008 department’s focus next school year will be to build a K-12 post-secondary plan for the district.
1009 Early exposure to career opportunities is essential to foster long-lasting interest and help to build
1010 a school experience that supports students. Our counselors will also continue to focus heavily on
1011 improving school climate in all schools. These efforts are based on the results shown in the School
1012 Climate and Connectedness Survey (SCCS).

1013 **Youth Leaders** – A large emphasis in BSSD this school year has been placed on revitalizing
1014 student government in all of our schools. BSSD was planning to take a group of youth leaders to
1015 the spring Alaska Association of Student Government (AASG) conference in Sitka earlier this
1016 month, but had to cancel due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will continue our efforts for building
1017 active student government in each of our 15 schools. Our Youth Leader program will also
1018 continue data-driven strategic planning for positive school climate change. It is our hope that
1019 utilizing the skills learned through active student government and data analysis, we can see the
1020 students’ vision of each school be realized.

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1022 **REPORT ITEM I:**

1023 **Cultural**

1024 Mary Huntington-Coordinator presented to the Board.

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- 1026 • Facebook Live – 10am weekdays, sang and shared 3 children’s songs translated into
1027 Inupiaq, over 7 or 8 days, shared them on **BSSD Inupiatun Yupegistun Yugtun** page
 - 1028 ○ Tallimat Mankiirat (5 Little Monkeys), translated by John Sinnok, Kigiqtaq
 - 1029 ○ Tallimat Piazaat (5 Little Ducks), translated by John Sinnok, Kigiqtaq
 - 1030 ○ Hokey Pokey Inupiatun, translated by the late Georgianne Anasogak, Kuuyuk
- 1031 • Bilingual teachers across the district continue serving the needs of their students
 - 1032 ○ Needs determined at the site level
 - 1033 ○ Packets and/or activities distributed to review previously learned vocabulary

- 1034 ○ Projects, as appropriate, distributed if students have skills to continue
- 1035 ○ Facebook groups sharing videos and resources
- 1036 ○ Weekly optional Google Meet available to collaborate
- 1037 ● Researched targeted training for Bilingual teachers (alternate certification pathway)
- 1038 ○ Local Knowledge Educator Certificate, 30 credits, UAF School of Education
- 1039 ○ Alaska Native Language Education Certificate, 30 credits, UAF Alaska Native Language Center
- 1040 ○ ED 111: Teaching for Alaska’s Future, 3 credits
- 1042 ○ ANL 265: Introduction to Alaska Native Languages History, Status, and Maintenance, 3 credits
- 1043 ○ Approval process delaying start
- 1044 ● Ilisaqta Inupiatun curriculum from Alaska Native Heritage Center
- 1045 ○ Shared by statewide language advocacy partners
- 1046 ○ Working on formal permission
- 1047 ○ One site already moving forward to translate to local dialect
- 1048 ○ Seeking translators for additional sites
- 1049 ● Partnerships, external
- 1050 ○ Northwest Campus Language Revitalization team
- 1051 ○ Kipigñiuqtit Inupiarallanikun (Inupiaq nation revitalization)
- 1052 ○ Ilisaqativut (grassroots learning)
- 1053 ○ Alaska Arts Education Consortium
- 1054 ● Nangaghneghput/Inuuniaguziqut/Yuuyaraaput/Our Way of Life Honorarium
- 1055 ○ 38 individuals were paid an honorarium for sharing their knowledge or skills
- 1056 ○ 10 sites utilized funds
- 1057 ○ \$4610 paid out (spring Cultural Days will not take place due to COVID-19 closure)
- 1058 ○ 3 individuals reached \$500 maximum and a few others were approaching it
- 1059 ○ Local history/storytelling/traditional values, Eskimo dancing, kuspuk making, kamek making, soap carving, local science, making agutak, Native games, beading, skin sewing
- 1060 ● Inupiaq, Yupik Spelling Bees – cancelled due to COVID-19
- 1061 ○ Sitaisaq held their local Inupiaq Spelling Bee, would have hosted Igaluñniagvik
- 1062 ○ Sivuqaq would have hosted the Akuzipik Spelling Bee during Yupik Days
- 1063 ○ Tapraq was just about to start their Yupik practices and would had it on site
- 1064 ● Dance Festival addition to NYO was cancelled due to COVID-19 before reaching out

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1069 **REPORT ITEM J:**

1070 **Superintendent’s**

1071 Dr. Bolen-Superintendent presented to the Board.

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1073 COVID-19 continues to effect student education and learning across the country. Here in BSSD,
1074 all staff have come together to provide over 1500 meals a day to all kids, as well provide
1075 educational enrichment packets for students to help students slow the learning gap that naturally
1076 occurs over the summer.

1077
1078 All schools are closed to students through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. This includes all
1079 student activities, testing, meetings, and other related school activities. I have been working with
1080 Nome and will continue to work on assisting teachers leaving for the summer.

1081 Currently, we plan to reopen schools on time for next year. Obviously we will have to wait and
1082 see how this pandemic pans out over the next few months.

1083 **BOARD Elections**

1084 The following seats will be up for election next year on the Regional School Board.

1085 Section II – Seat B Robert Tokeinna Jr. (KTS, TLA, WAA, WMO)

1086 Section IV – Seat F Annabelle Cunningham (SMK, WBB, UNK)

1087 Section IV – Seat G Robert Dickens (SMK, WBB, UNK)

1088 Section V – Seat I Vacant (Diomedede, Gambell, Savoonga)

1089 Section V – Seat J Jeanette Iya (Diomedede, Gambell, Savoonga)

1090 Candidates must file with the Division of Elections by August 7, 2020 if they wish to have their
1091 name on the ballot.

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1093 **X. CORRESPONDENCE**

1094 Letters from Mary Long and Karen Nanouk.

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1096 **XI. AEC MINUTES:**

1097 The AEC minutes reviewed.

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1099 **XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1100 Public comments were heard from Lisa Haugen, Irene Navarro, Jeanette Iya.

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1102 **XIII. DATE, TIME, & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:**

1103 The next meeting to be held will be on September 24, 2020 in Shishmaref, AK.

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1105 **XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

1106 **MOTION:**

1107 Irene Navarro made a motion to adjourn at 3:14 PM. Anthony Haugen, Sr. seconded. Roll
1108 call vote 11 yes. Motion carried.