



Northwest Arctic Borough

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**Joint Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly &
Northwest Arctic Borough School Board
Meeting Minutes
December 16-17, 2019 – 1:00 P.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK**

CALL TO ORDER

Assembly President Nathan Hadley Jr. called the meeting to order on December 16, 2019 at 1:05 P.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Sampson provided invocation.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

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| Elmer Armstrong Jr. | Kirk Oviok Jr. | Delores Barr | Austin Swan Sr. |
| Miles Cleveland Sr. | Sandy Shroyer Beaver | Hannah Loon | Walter Sampson |
| Dood Carr | Nathan Hadley Jr. | | |

Northwest Arctic Borough School Board Member

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| Paula Mills (PT) | Millie Hawley | Lawrence Jones (PT) | Tillie Ticket |
| Alice Melton Barr | Marie Greene | Cindy Fields | Joanne Harris |
| Margaret Hansen | Kathleen Sherman | Brad Reich (exc.) | |

Introduction of Staff and Guests

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| Lucy S. Nelson | Anna Crary | Charlie Gregg | Stella Atoruk |
| Marie Nelson Gregg | Terry Walker | Megan Williams | Nate Kotch |
| Siikauraq Whiting | Aucha Kameroff | Charlie Gregg | Fritz Westlake |
| Joy Williams | Helena Hildreth | Angie Sturm | Clayton Gooden |
| Sandy Kowalski | Reid Magdanz | Craig McConnell | Amy Aiken |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Sampson motioned, Member Carr seconded to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.



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Ms. Terry Walker, Interim Superintendent, commented that she is new to her position, and appreciates the opportunity to serve in this capacity and thanked the school board and staff who has been supportive. They will be discussing the district budget and program overview via a power point presentation which included the regional board priorities, student average daily membership, FY20 budget, Career and tech ed., Special Education program, Counselors, Curriculum and Technology, Activities Coordinator and staff, Star of the North Magnet School, Food Service, Teacher Housing maintenance, historical borough land usage fee appropriation, Borough health insurance and discretionary programs.

**A ten minute break was taken at 2:02 pm.
The meeting reconvened from break at 2:12 pm.**

December 17, 2019 at 9 am the meeting reconvened from December 16, 2019 recess.

COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES

Mayor Nelson welcomed everyone and mentioned the importance of a joint meeting with the School Board and Assembly. She commented that if we discuss important issues together such as protecting the general fund and the future sustainability, it can be done if we work together. Mayor Nelson reported that the Assembly reviewed the Assembly strategic plan for 2016 and highlighted the summary goals. Mayor Nelson briefly described the Borough's department and allowed each of the Director's to describe their programs for the Administration and Finance, Clerks Department, Planning, Economic Development, Public Services, Public Safety and the Village Improvement Fund.

**A brief lunch break was taken at 12:36 pm.
The meeting reconvened from lunch at 1:10 pm.**

1. FY20 Borough Budget and Program Overview – Angie Sturm, Borough Treasurer.

Ms. Sturm, Borough Treasurer, highlighted the following: budget issues we are currently facing; revenues – declining PILT revenues until 2026; and proposed expenditures.

2. FY20 School District Budget and Program Overview – Terry Walker, Interim Superintendent and Megan Williams, Director of Administrative Services.



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Ms. Walker provided an overview of the Northwest Arctic Borough FY20 School District and Programs.

**A ten minute break was taken at 3:00 pm.
The meeting reconvened from break at 3:10 pm.**

Mayor Nelson commented on the increased health insurance rates, the two million dollar early learning grant as they have not come to a completion on the scope, the Borough's limited resources with the Search and Rescue program, and meeting jointly on an annual basis with the Northwest Arctic Borough School Board.

ADJOURNMENT – RECESS

The meeting recessed at 4:17 pm until December 18, 2019 at 10:00 AM.



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Joint Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly &
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Monday, December 18, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting reconvened from December 17, 2019. President Nathan Hadley Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

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| Elmer Armstrong Jr. | Kirk Oviok Jr. | Delores Barr | Austin Swan Sr. |
| Miles Cleveland Sr. | Sandy Shroyer Beaver | Hannah Loon | Walter Sampson |
| Dood Carr | Nathan Hadley Jr. | Reggie Joule III | |

School Board Members present at the time of roll call:

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|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Margaret Hansen | Cynthia Fields | Kathleen Sherman | Joanne Harris |
| Tillie Ticket | Alice Melton-Barr | Marie Greene | Paula Mills (PT) |
| Millie Hawley | Brad Reich (Excused) | | |

Introduction of Staff and Guests

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| Helena Hildreth | Reid Magdanz | Joy Williams | Megan Williams |
| Angie Sturm | Stella Atoruk | Nate Kotch | Terry Walker |
| Sandy Kowalski | Fritz Westlake | Marie Nelson-Gregg | Chuck Greene |
| Elizabeth Ferguson | Craig McConnell | Paula Octuck | Anna Cray |
| Perrian Windhausen | Reggie Joule (PT) | | |

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Assembly Member Hannah Loon gave the invocation.



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NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMENTS

School Board Member Margaret Hansen provided an overview of the Northwest Arctic Borough School Districts challenges and accomplishments for the past three years through a power point presentation.

School board Member Marie Greene commented on the Selawik High School gym in terms of advocating and lobbying for it, the importance of enforcing truancy, tribal compacting for education and; lastly, she commented on a resolution supporting our call to action, how we can continue to let our students excel and thanked the Assembly for their support for education.

Assembly member Sandy Shroyer Beaver commented on the importance of savings for a rainy day because the Red Dog Mine isn't going to be here forever.

School Board Member Margaret Hansen expressed the importance of educating our children because if we want a stronger economy, it starts with our children. Our people deserve to have services provided to them and from their own people.

Assembly member Carr stressed the importance of our mission statement to improve the living and economic conditions for our residents and it is as important for our kids getting their education and is intertwined with our families. She also commented about the problem with bedbugs in our homes as it affects our children too.

President Hadley commented about the importance for students to do their best on testing. He also added the relationship with the school district and the assembly is appreciated.

School board Member Millie Hawley reported that we need to assist the younger generation by sending out a positive message to them so that they can do it and make it in this world.

Assembly member Austin Swan commented about the two school systems, boarding and home school. He appreciates the teachers who is helping our students.

Assembly member Reggie Joule commented that we are just scratching the surface and we have educated people from our region and we have to continue to work hard. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.



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Assembly Member Delores Barr commented that she appreciates Millie's comments and the intergenerational issues that still need to be addressed.

Assembly Member Hannah Loon reminded the school board that we need to strengthen ourselves and the children by holding open meetings with parents, advisory school board and others.

SUPERINTENDENTS COMMENTS

Ms. Terry Walker, Interim Superintendent, wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season and appreciates the wisdom that each person brings to the table. She recommended that this joint conference of both bodies meet four times a year versus once a year.

Mayor Nelson commented that she likes to see people excel and that we need to change our meeting schedules because we both meet at the same time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned with a closing song and prayer by School board member Marie Greene. With no other business to discuss Assembly member Carr motioned, School board member Melton Barr seconded to adjourn at 12:11 P.M.

