

**Board Legislative Committee Meeting  
by Video Conference  
November 18, 2020  
5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Hosted from the Board Room, 520 Fifth Avenue

**AGENDA**

Zoom Meeting Information:

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1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement Statement: As a committee of the school board, we would like to take this moment to respectfully acknowledge we are residing on the traditional land of the Dena (pronounced duhNAY) people.
2. Our Mission is to provide an excellent, equitable education in a safe, supportive environment so all students will succeed and contribute to a diverse and changing society.

3. Roll Call

Committee Members:

Timothy Doran, Board President & Committee Chair  
Erin Morotti, Board Treasurer & Committee Representative  
Chrya Sanderson, Board Clerk & Committee Representative  
Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent  
Sarah Gillam, FPA President  
Sandi Ryan, FEA President  
Jasmine Adkins-Brown, ESSA President  
Robert Kinnard, Community Representative  
To Be Filled, Parent Representative

Staff:

John Ringstad, District Lobbyist  
Andreau DeGraw, Chief Operations Officer  
Mark Nilson, Executive Director of Facilities  
Rebecca Hurbi, Acting Executive Director of Communications, Development, & Engagement  
Sharon Tuttle, Board Executive Assistant & Committee Administrative Support

4. Adoption of the Agenda with Consent Agenda Item
  - a. Consent Item - \*\* November 4 Meeting Notes
5. Current & Future Legislation
6. Education Issues
7. 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities Work
  - a. Draft Legislative Brochure Content
8. Adjournment

Upcoming Committee Meeting:

- December 9, 5:30-7:00 p.m. by video conference

**Board Legislative Committee Meeting,  
by Video Conference  
November 4, 2020**

**Meeting Notes**

Timothy Doran, school board president and legislative committee chair, called the committee meeting to order at 5:44 p.m., by video conference. He welcomed all committee members and support staff and thanked them for their willingness to serve and assist the committee.

**Committee Members Present & Comprising a Quorum** [0:00:30]:

Timothy Doran, Board President & Committee Chair  
Erin Morotti, Board Treasurer & Committee Representative  
Chrya Sanderson, Board Clerk & Committee Representative  
Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent  
Sarah Gillam, FPA President  
Sandi Ryan, FEA President  
Robert Kinnard, Community Representative

**Absent:**

Jasmine Adkins-Brown, ESSA President

**Recruiting:**

Parent Representative

**Staff Present:**

John Ringstad, District Lobbyist  
Andreau DeGraw, Chief Operations Officer  
Mark Nilson, Executive Director of Facilities Maintenance  
Rebecca Hurbi, Acting Executive Director of Communications, Development & Engagement  
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board & Committee Administrative Support

**Adoption of the Agenda** [0:01:21]

MOROTTI MOVED, RYAN SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA.

Asking for any objection to adopting the agenda and hearing none, President Doran moved the agenda adopted.

**Lobbyist Update & Education Issues** [0:01:44]

John Ringstad, district lobbyist, provided an update on the recent election, both locally and statewide, along with information on how the election results might affect education and other areas of state funding.

Dr. Gaborik joined the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Committee discussion ensued on topics of:

- State funding;
- State Hold Harmless Clause;
- CARES funding;
- How to lobby legislators during Covid;
- Use of district fund balance;

- Student enrollment numbers;
- Budget reduction scenarios for next school year;
- Supplemental funding;
- Access to the State Capital Building; and
- Scheduling meetings with Interior Delegation members.

### **2021-2022 Legislative Priorities Work** [0:43:33]

Superintendent Dr. Gaborik facilitated the committee's review of the 2020-2021 Legislative Priorities, along with the committee's work brainstorming and strategizing for the 2021-2022 priorities. The committee based their discussion and work on the idea of what story they wanted to tell. Committee members supported the story foundation of Covid Recovery.

Committee discussion ensued on the topics of:

- Design and layout of priorities' document;
- Possibility of digital version;
- Ensuring State's Hold Harmless continues;
- Foundation funding;
- CARES funding;
- District and staff recognition/awards;
- Capital projects and deferred maintenance;
- Broadband and connectivity concerns;
- Equity and inclusion;
- Social emotional learning;
- Recruitment and retention;
- Providing legislators with information they needed from districts – what did the district need?; and
- Featuring success stories, while also being realistic in what the district would be facing with the probability of approximately \$22.5 million in reductions.

Dr. Gaborik would work with Rebecca Hurbi, acting executive director of communication, development, and engagement, to draft an outline for the committee's consideration at the November 18 committee meeting. It was suggested the written copy be completed prior to winter break, to allow enough time for layout and design. Once the committee had a final draft of the priorities completed, it would be taken before the full board at a Regular Meeting for consideration and approval.

### **Committee Comments/Announcements** [1:17:08]

The committee's upcoming scheduled meetings:

- November 18, 5:30-7:00 p.m. by video conference
- December 9, 5:30-7:00 p.m. by video conference

The committee meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Tuttle, Board of Education executive assistant & Legislative Committee administrative support.

# DRAFT LEGISLATIVE BROCHURE CONTENT

## November 18 Legislative Committee Meeting

### Cover

Academic Year 2021-22  
Legislative Priorities

COVID-19 Recovery (graphic to replace one picture)

Mission Statement

2020-25 Strategic Goals

1 student picture

### Left Inside Page

Success in a Year of COVID-19

- Stood Up eLearning for 1000+ students
- Developed Green, Yellow and Red Zone school access plans for 9300+ students
- Expanded BEST Homeschool to 1000 students
- Commitment to Alaska Smart Start Framework Guidance health and safety protocols
- Distributed 6500 devices to families

Social Emotional Learning

- Increased family outreach to gather parent/guardian feedback about gaps in learning opportunities
- Data reviewed to identify student needs at schools through a combination of: Professional Learning Community meetings, staff meetings, parent-teacher conferences, Student Support Team meetings, and other school data review meetings.
- District level identification and monitoring of student subgroups at higher risk for dropout
- Project AWARE Grant
  - Expand social emotional learning, restorative practices, and trauma-engaged practices
  - Increase capacity to meet the mental health challenges through additional staffing
  - Mental health providers at West Valley HS, North Pole HS, North Pole MS, and Tanana MS

Recruitment and Retention

- Team Optimizing Project
  - Proactive approach to leadership, workforce engagement, and employee retention
  - Understand and track employee satisfaction
  - Share data with school leadership teams
  - Address concerns, increase success, reduce turnover
- Supplemental Retirement Benefit
  - District matches up to 1% of the certified teacher's annual salary into a supplemental 403b retirement account
  - Employees may cash in sick leave to contribute to a 403b
- Human Resource Community Outreach (Ivory)

Medical Advisory Team

- Thanks to a partnership with Foundation Health Partners, the superintendent convened a Medical Advisory Committee to advise district leadership and the board of education regarding COVID-19 health and safety data and protocols.

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### #1 Budget Priority: COVID-19 Recovery

#### Enrollment & Fiscal Impact

- Enrollment Loss: 1,962 Students, 14.8%  
Reduction
- FY21 General Fund Revenue Loss ~ \$4.5 million
- FY21 Transportation Fund Revenue Loss ~ \$2.3 million
- FY21 Nutrition Services Fund Revenue Loss ~ \$750,000
- FY22 General Fund Revenue Loss ~ \$8.0 million

#### Capital Projects and Deferred Maintenance

- **Get notes from Mark**

#### **Internet Connectivity and Devices**

- 150+ (1.6 %) of district families have no connectivity
- 6500 students do not have adequate devices at home for remote learning

## **Back Cover**

#### CARES Funds

- Smart Start Planning, XX Student Devices, XX MiFi, Paraprofessional Devices, Summer School, Social Emotional Learning Assessment Tool, Digital Content, Online Textbooks and Licenses, Occupational Health Nurse, PPE, Cleaning Supplies, Professional Development

#### Nutrition Services and Transportation

- 172,400 meals delivered to district students

#### Gold Stars

- Amy Galloway: Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence. Amy is one of 5 teachers nationwide to receive this award. She received \$10,000 and will be a guest of honor at the NEA Foundation's Salute to Excellence Awards Gala. Amy represents the very best in public education.

#### District Demographics (bottom half of page)

- Enrollment
- Target Class Size
- Fast Facts
- Ethnicities
- District Staff
- Languages