

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

ANCHORAGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 21, 2026



The Board unveiled new award banners to be hung in the large gymnasium. These banners highlight the perennial accomplishments of the 4th/5th Grade Academic Team (Coached this year by Drs. Paul and Miranda Celestre), the 6th Grade Academic Team (Coached this year by Mr. Louis Rabaut), and the 7th/8th Grade Academic Team (Coached this year by Dr. Nicholas Ahn).

On Thursday, the Board heard APTA, City Council, Superintendent, facilities, personnel, school, athletics, and financial reports. Superintendent Six's personnel update highlighted the hiring of our new Assistant Principal, Brooke Noon (Congrats, Dr. Noon!!). The community is invited to join us on Tuesday, June 2nd at 1:00 p.m. in the cafeteria for our celebration honoring the service to our district from our retirees: Ms. Ruth Esterle, Ms. Jean Kabazie, Ms. Judy Lamoreux, Ms. Deborah Sloan, Ms. Laura Sohl, and Ms. Theresa Tooley.

Principal Wallingford shared projected enrollment for next school year to be 365 students. Joining the ranks of distinguished Anchorage Alumni will be forty-eight 8th graders from the Class of 2026 (graduation to be held Friday, May 29th at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium). Recent alumni are encouraged to complete [this form](#) to stay abreast of opportunities for high school students to stay connected with the school. Maintenance Director, Tommy Kinnard, provided a listing of maintenance and deep cleaning of several areas in the school being planned for the summer, as well as preliminary preparations for aesthetic updates to the AISD district office building. Athletic Director, Beau Arney, reported the Winter Sports program was extremely successful and shared positive survey feedback from parents. Emphasis was placed on timely registration for fall sports in order to properly prepare for teams and coaches.

On consent, the board approved vouchers, a common carrier request, and prior meeting minutes. The Board extended the agreement with the City of Anchorage for our School

Resource Officer, placing continued importance on school safety and security. The 2026-27 Professional Development Plan; tentative budget for Funds 2, 52, and 7000; an excused absence request; and job description updates were also approved.

The Board adopted the salary schedules for the 2026-2027 school year and is pleased to report the adoption of a balanced tentative general fund budget for FY27 that includes funding for certified and classified staff to receive step increases and a 2% increase. Directly tied to our [Strategic Plan](#) - **Excellence in the Student Experience** priority to ensure a year's worth of academic growth in a year's time for all students, seven new opportunities for teachers to serve as Team Leads were created and funding was allocated for extra-duty stipends for those selected to serve in this capacity.

In support of our **Strategic Plan - Operational Excellence** priority to create spaces that are intentionally designed, the [AISD Design Standards Committee](#) recommended the board engage with a commercial designer to support their charge of developing a schedule of interior finishes. The board engaged with Amanda Jacobs Design to create design boards to ensure consistency as spaces in our facility require upgrades.

Booker Design Collaborative presented an [updated site plan](#), opinion of probable costs and proposal for the courtyard refresh project. The board accepted the APTA's generous donation of \$175,000 toward this project, approved the initial BG-1, and engaged with Booker Design Collaborative for creation of construction plans. Thank you to the APTA for envisioning this beautiful upgrade for our students, staff and community.

The next monthly Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m in the library. Please contact Superintendent Sharla Six if you have any questions or for more specific details please see the [monthly board minutes](#).

Thank you,
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