

**Minutes** of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education, NICE Community School District, Townships of Champion, Ely, Humboldt, Ishpeming, Tilden, and Spurr; Counties of Baraga and Marquette; and the State of Michigan held on **Monday, January 15, 2018**.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Brett French in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call: Members Present: Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, Brett French, John Grove, Ronald Mariani

Members Absent: Wendy Pederson

Administrators Present: Bryan DeAugustine

Administrators Excused: David Boase, Jon Beckman, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton, Michael Wommer

### **Election of Officers:**

The Superintendent called for nominations for Board President.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to nominate Brett French as Board President for the 2018 year. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Brett French as Board President. Motion carried.

President Brett French opened the floor for nominations of Board Vice President.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to nominate Ronald Mariani as Board Vice President for the 2018 year. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Ron Mariani as Board Vice President. Motion carried.

President Brett French opened the floor for nominations for Board Treasurer.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to nominate Randy Couveau as Board Treasurer for the 2018 year. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Ron Mariani to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Randy Couveau as Board Treasurer. Motion carried.

President Brett French opened the floor for nominations of Board Secretary.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to nominate Donna Champion as Board Secretary for the 2018 year. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Donna Champion as Board Secretary. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bylaws (Section 0000 Bylaws of the NEOLA Policy Manual)**

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Donna Champion to approve the bylaws which establish the district's legal status and board functions as presented.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
	French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Scheduling of Regular Monthly School Board Meetings**

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the WHS Media Center, with noted exceptions, as the time and place for the monthly meetings of the NICE Community School District Board of Education.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
	French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Discuss Ad Hoc Committees**

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to keep the current committee structure in effect, with the exception of the Facilities Enhancement and Expansion Committee, as presented. Motion carried.

**Designation of Depositories for School Funds**

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Randy Couveau to resolve that mBank is the depository of school funds (and possible future payroll direct depository) along with Wells Fargo as an additional payroll direct deposit distribution bank.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
	French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Check Signature & Electronic Transfer Authorizations**

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Donna Champion to designate administrators (Superintendent; Administrative Assistant for Finance, Melissa Maki; Payroll Clerk, Jody Salmi; Principals/Assistant Principals, building secretaries, and athletic director) to execute checks and authorize electronic transfers from respective school accounts as needed.

Roll Call Vote:            Carlson        aye    Champion    aye    Couveau    aye  
                                 French        aye    Grove        aye    Mariani      aye

Motion carried.

**Delegation of Election Duties**

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Ron Mariani to designate the Superintendent or designee to manage election duties on behalf of the Board of Education. Motion carried.

**Approval of Annual Retainer Contracts**

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to retain Thrun Law Firm as the Board's attorney for the 2018 year.

Roll Call Vote:            Carlson        aye    Champion    aye    Couveau    aye  
                                 French        aye    Grove        aye    Mariani      aye

Motion carried.

Public Comment:        None.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Ron Mariani to adjourn the Organizational meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

President: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_