

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 16, 2017**.

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

The Oath of Office was administered by Jody L. Salmi, Notary Public. Randy Couveau, Brett French, John Grove, Ronald Mariani, and Wendy Pederson were all sworn in as members of the Board of Education.

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

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Bryan DeAugustine

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

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to assign Bryan DeAugustine as a temporary chair to facilitate the election of the new Board President. Motion carried.

Election of Officers:

The Superintendent called for nominations for Board President.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Kathleen Carlson to nominate Brett French as Board President for the 2017 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 Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion to nominate Ronald Mariani as Board Vice President for the 2017 year. No other nominations were made.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau 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 Secretary.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Ronald Mariani to nominate Donna Champion as Board Secretary for the 2017 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.

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

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion to nominate Randy Couveau as Board Treasurer for the 2017 year. No other nominations were made.

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

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

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove 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
	Pederson	aye				

Motion carried.

Scheduling of Regular Monthly School Board Meetings

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to approve the 3rd 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
	Pederson	aye				

Motion carried.

Discuss Ad Hoc Committees

Discussion took place about the current committee structure. Committee assignments will be made by the Board President.

Designation of Depositories for School Funds

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion to resolve that mBank is the depository of school funds 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
	Pederson	aye				

Motion carried.

Check Signature & Electronic Transfer Authorizations

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Kathleen Carlson 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.

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

Motion carried.

Delegation of Election Duties

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to designate the Superintendent or designee to manage election duties on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

Motion carried.

Approval of Annual Retainer Contracts

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Ronald Mariani to retain Thrun Law Firm as the Board's attorney for the 2017 year.

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

Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to adjourn the Organizational meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

President: _____ Secretary: _____