

Minutes of the Regular 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, April 18, 2016**.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Eric Luttinen in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, John Grove, Eric Luttinen, Wendy Pederson, Chris Roose

Members Absent: Brett French, excused

Administrators Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Jon Beckman, David Boase, Nathan Longton, Chris Marana, Mike Wommer (arrived late)

Administrators Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition:

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the BPA State Competition in more detail and mentioned those involved in traveling to Boston for the BPA National Competition. He also congratulated Heidi Dawson and John Jessen who were selected as the NICE Outstanding Educators for 2016, and Chad Hewitt who was selected as the Class ABC U.P. Boys Basketball Coach of the Year.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$647,569.89 for the period of March 21, 2016 through April 15, 2016; to approve the March payrolls in the amount of \$77032.316 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,423,602.20; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,046,830.47 and total disbursements of \$1,272,465.13; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$662,768.01; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,242,366.78 of March 31, 2016. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the high school track numbers were higher than they've been in the last several years and there may be a possibility of adding another coach. He also reported on the conference he attended in Lansing last week and that NICE is really catching the attention of many people in Lansing and he's proud of the great team effort put forth to make that happen.

Aspen Ridge Elementary

Chris Marana reported that the elementary students were continuing with state assessments. He also shared his congratulations to Mary Sinclair who was awarded the literacy teacher of the year by the Marquette-Alger reading council and to the Family Resource Center at Aspen Ridge, who was awarded the Community Literacy Award. This week is the Volunteer Appreciation celebration which is held in the Family Resource Center each year and coming up will be the children's art expo at DeVos at NMU.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Jon Beckman reported that the middle school students are also in the midst of state assessments and the Chromebooks are working great for the testing process. The third quarter reward activity will take place at the bowling alley this week for those middle school students who qualified. In athletics, Mr. Beckman and Mr. Boase received nothing but positive feedback about our students, athletes and fans that travelled to both Escanaba and Petoskey for the boys basketball playoff run. Spring sports are up and running and numbers are high with a lot of students participating in a spring sport. High school track, in particular, may need to look at an additional coach, which will be discussed at an upcoming Personnel Committee meeting.

Westwood High School

Dave Boase reported that over the past weekend the band and solo ensemble was held, as well as the Forensics regionals which were hosted at Westwood High School. State competition is coming up and National Competition is coming up for BPA. Several music shows and awards ceremonies are on the schedule for the spring as the year winds down. Prom is scheduled for this Saturday.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that preschool screening is set for this Thursday, April 21st with 22 students signed up to be tested.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that everyone enjoyed a good week off for spring break, followed by some very early mornings with the stormy weather and determining whether or not to have school.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement: No pressing issues at this time.

Facilities: Will meet later this week.

Finance & Operations: No pressing issues at this time.

Personnel: Will meet next week.

Policy: NEOLA quarterly updates.

School Improvement: No pressing issues at this time.

Sinking Fund: 2016 project to be considered this evening.

Negotiations AFSCME: Negotiations will continue this week.. (AFSCME contract expires on June 30, 2016.)

Negotiations NTA: Negotiations update tonight. (NTA contract expires on August 31, 2016.)

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to accept, with thanks for her years of service, Rita Edwards letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the list of potential graduates for 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize the superintendent to sign a two year contract extension with Compudyne for our District IT services.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Grove	aye
	Luttinen	aye	Pederson	aye	Roose	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to authorize the superintendent to sign a one year contract extension with PCMI for our District substitute staffing services.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Grove	aye
	Luttinen	aye	Pederson	aye	Roose	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to recognize the first reading of the NEOLA Policy Manual as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Donna Champion to authorize the superintendent to enter into the MARESA Evaluation Consortium. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to authorize the Sinking Fund Project Recommendation Option #4 as presented including authorizing the superintendent to solicit bids for the borrowing of \$283,661 against future Sinking Fund Revenues. (Option #4 is to move forward with the entire project, i.e. auditorium, ACCU/AHU and media center which would cost us, after adjusting for fees already paid, \$1,555,900 in total including contingency fees, loose furnishings and technology. It was also noted that the bid will be awarded to Closner Construction & Sales, Inc. as the lowest, most reasonable and responsible bid and Superintendent Bryan DeAugustine, Travis Hongisto from IDI, and Ron Mariani from the Sinking Fund Committee also spoke to the advantage of Option #4.)

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to enter into closed session under 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purposes of negotiations.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Grove	aye
	Luttinen	aye	Pederson	aye	Roose	aye

Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7:20 p.m.

Eric Luttinen announced there would be a five minute recess.

Meeting returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

No action was taken.

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Chris Roose reported on Saturday, April 16th, fifteen students and six parents, along with Steve Pohlman, participated in a local bottle drive. The fund-raising event was a huge success but hopefully more participants will become involved in future fund-raising drives.

Kathleen Carlson congratulated the recipients of awards announced earlier, especially the Family Resource Room recognition.

Eric Luttinen acknowledged Mary Sinclair, Kindergarten teacher, for her outstanding interactions with her students and her dedication to her profession.

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Board President: _____ **Board Secretary:** _____