

**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 **Tuesday, April 25, 2017**.

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

Members Present: Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, Brett French

Administrators Present: Bryan DeAugustine, David Boase, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton, Michael Wommer

Administrators Absent: Jon Beckman (excused)

**Public Comment (regarding agenda):** None

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Donna Champion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**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 \$706,654.39 for the period of March 20, 2017 through April 21, 2017; to approve the March payrolls in the amount of \$834,681.87 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,541,336.26; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$988,452.03 and total disbursements of \$1,404,382.09; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$645,465.29; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$629,448.82 of March 31, 2017. Motion carried.

**Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items**

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the spring student count was 1204.71. The budget work continues through the work of the Finance & Operations Committee. All of the township presentations have been completed for the upcoming bond referendum. The trip to Lansing with the Marquette County Ambassadors was successful overall. The district is beginning a social media safety campaign. The recent storm caused a bit of damage around the district and the assessor has been here and repairs will begin soon.

Aspen Ridge Elementary

Chris Marana reported that Kindergarten registration and screening are complete with 80 new students so far. The MSTEP assessment has begun in certain grades. The Knights of Columbus will be donating nearly \$900 from their annual tootsie roll campaign with the money to go towards students with special needs.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Jon Beckman that the MSTEP assessments began in the middle school first with 8<sup>th</sup> grade. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will follow. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reward outing was held at the River Rock Lanes Bowling Alley. In athletics, 6<sup>th</sup> graders are now able to participate in athletics under the MHSAA so the Aspen Ridge Middle School track team will have 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders participating. A successful winter athletic season concluded with the wrestling team earning MPC Conference and Academic All-State honors. The Girls' Basketball team also received an honorable mention academic honor. The spring sports season is well-underway.

Westwood High School

Dave Boase reported that the 2017 Prom was a safe and successful event. Upcoming events include a VIM concert, BPA nationals, Forensics state competition, Excellence in Education, SAT and PSAT testing and generally gearing up for the end of the year. Also, the scheduling and enrollment process for next year is underway.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that he had a parent meeting with the SCI families to discuss the proposed changes in the upcoming years. Aspen Ridge hosted a SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meeting on April 20. On April 6, many of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and some 12<sup>th</sup> grade special education students travelled to the Jacobetti Center at NMU for a career planning day. Transportation was provided by a grant from Chad Rowley at MARESA.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that work has begun on the 2017-2018 bus run schedule. He's also been doing some research on electronic routing programs for the future. There are two school districts that currently use them and he may visit Escanaba this summer to see how it works.

**Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement . Very active with ongoing meetings regarding NWEA MAP testing, PSAT/SAT testing, and academic challenges and hurdles.

Facilities . Working toward the May 2, 2017 Bond Referendum Vote

Finance and Ops . Reviewing the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget, planning for the 2017-2018 through 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budgets.

Personnel . Nothing pressing at this time

Policy . Upcoming quarterly policy updates

School Improvement . Nothing pressing at this time

Sinking Fund . Consider the 2017 Summer Project

**Business / Action Items**

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to accept Rebecca Balch letter of resignation with regrets. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Chelsea Norton as the 2017 SCI Summer Program Teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion to authorize the list of graduates as presented pending the individual fulfillment of the District's graduation requirements. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to recognize the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy Updates Volume 31 Number 1 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Wendy Pederson to adopt Policy Updates Volume 31 Number 1 as presented as part of our NEOLA Policy Manual. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to authorize the superintendent to renew the District's contract with PCMI as presented.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye	Grove	aye
	Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye		

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve Closner Construction's base bid for the 2017 Sinking Fund Project cycle in the amount of \$544,000 with a total project cost of \$627,080 as presented.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye	Grove	aye
	Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye		

Motion carried.

**Community Comments:** Shelley Paavo spoke about the services and positive support she has received from MARESA with regard to knowing options for students. She would like to see all options laid out for students at the start and she's very appreciative of the people here that have helped her daughter to succeed here at Westwood.

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Bryan DeAugustine thanked the board for their time and patience with many marathon meetings lately.

Wendy Pederson thanked Bryan and Ron for asking good questions to the MARESA representatives.

Donna Champion stated that she is very pleased with all of the good things happening and that we have a lot to be grateful for.

Ron Mariani congratulated and thanked the volunteers for Volunteer Appreciation Week. He apologized for the length of the meeting but thought there were many good questions for the MARESA representatives.

Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Board President:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Board Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_