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, August 15, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by President Brett French in the Cafeteria of Westwood High School at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, Brett French, John Grove, Eric Luttinen, Christian Roose

Members Absent: Wendy Pederson

Administrator’s Present: Bryan DeAugustine, David Boase, Jon Beckman, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton, Michael Wommer

Administrator’s Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition:

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of $516,993.66 for the period of July 18, 2016 through August 12, 2016; to approve the July payrolls in the amount of $445,532.95 for total disbursements in the amount of $962,526.61; to approve the Treasurer’s Report of the General Fund with total receipts of $1,312,373.00 and total disbursements of $1,251,962.80; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of $97,605.96; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of $1,191,553.94 of July 31, 2016. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent’s Report
Bryan DeAugustine shared the most recent Facilities Enhancement and Expansion drawings with the board. He also talked about a media event for the plot of land donated to NICE by the Marquette County Land Bank Authority as well as the recent media shoot for an upcoming ad. Lastly, he mentioned a few dates that he would be traveling to Lansing and Traverse City for conferences in September.

Aspen Ridge Elementary
Chris Marana reported that it’s the second week of summer school and it’s going very well. Forty-three students have been taking part in this program. The Aspen Ridge building is coming along nicely and will be ready for the open house.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report
Jon Beckman reported that the middle school scheduling is coming together nicely. Fall athletics will begin with tennis this week and some football scrimmages. The final details are being worked out for the football trip to Chetek, Wisconsin. Meet the Patriots for the fall season is scheduled for tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.
Westwood High School
David Boase reported that the building is coming together as best as it can with the construction still happening. The custodians are working together on areas that they can. The construction project is on-track and more information will be presented at the September board meeting. Students who are dual-enrolled will begin their NMU classes next week. Scheduling is on-going.

Special Education Report
Nathan Longton reported that the special education department is excited to have more staff this year. The CPI/HWC training and Medicaid training is scheduled for the Professional Development teacher days. He’s looking forward to another great year.

Transportation
Mike Wommer reported that one of the Ishpeming (Schools of Choice) buses needed to be switched out to fit more kids. There are 121 students that will take advantage of these bus runs.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement: No pressing issues at this time.

Facilities: The superintendent will make presentations to several groups on August 23rd and August 24th.

Finance & Operations: Nothing pressing at this time as we begin the new fiscal year.

Personnel: No pressing issues at this time aside from tonight’s routine matters.

Policy: The committee will ask you to consider the second reading and adoption of policy updates Volume 30, No. 2.

School Improvement: Nothing pressing at this time.

Sinking Fund: 2016 Summer Projects still underway and on schedule. WHS Media Center Substantial Completion Date: August 25. WHS Theater Substantial Completion Date: October 27.


Business / Action Items

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent to enact the hourly pay raise rates per employee for the Central Office Staff as presented.

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye French aye Grove aye Luttinen aye Roose aye

Motion carried.
Motion by John Grove supported by Eric Luttinen to hire and/or appoint the fall sports coaches as presented.

Jacob Wolf: JV Head Football Coach
Brad Wiljanen: Assistant Football Coach
Trevor Burke: Assistant Football Coach
Mitchell Messing: Assistant Football Coach
Chad Hewitt: Assistant Football Coach
Ryan Syrjala: Assistant Football Coach
Luke Gray: Assistant Football Coach
Seth Tackman: Assistant Football Coach
Jaime VanEnkevort: JV Head Volleyball Coach

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye French aye Grove aye Luttinen aye Roose aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to hire Alyssa Anttila as an elementary teacher.

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye French aye Grove aye Luttinen aye Roose aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Eric Luttinen to hire Shannon Rochon as an elementary teacher.

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye French aye Grove aye Luttinen aye Roose aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize Marsha Fraser’s request for a leave of absence with best wishes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Christian Roose to accept Betty Grund’s letter of retirement with regrets. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Christian Roose to accept Ellen Larson’s letter of retirement with appreciation. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to accept Katelyn Morrison’s letter of resignation with thanks for her service. Motion carried.

Motion by Christian Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to accept Jacob Poyhonen’s letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to accept Jamie Senske’s letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by John Grove to accept Eric Warlin’s letter of resignation. Motion carried.
NICE Community School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 15, 2016

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize the opening day of school for the 2016-2017 school year to be Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

Roll call vote:  
Carlson aye  
Grove aye  
Champion aye  
Luttinen aye  
French aye  
Roose aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Christian Roose to accept Bimbo Bakeries' bid to provide bread products for the 2016-2017 school year.

Roll call vote:  
Carlson aye  
Grove aye  
Champion aye  
Luttinen aye  
French aye  
Roose aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to accept Jilbert Dairy's fixed price bid to provide milk products for the 2016-2017 school year.

Roll call vote:  
Carlson aye  
Grove aye  
Champion aye  
Luttinen aye  
French aye  
Roose aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by John Grove to raise the paid lunch price to $2.80 per meal and breakfast prices to $1.70 per meal.

Roll call vote:  
Carlson aye  
Grove aye  
Champion aye  
Luttinen aye  
French aye  
Roose aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Christian Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent to make changes to the 2016 Sinking Fund project in the amount of $6,598.97.

Roll call vote:  
Carlson aye  
Grove aye  
Champion aye  
Luttinen aye  
French aye  
Roose aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Christian Roose supported by Donna Champion to authorize the superintendent to purchase for the District 30 Chromebooks, 30 Google Management Console Licenses and an Ergotron Storage and Charging Cart at the cost of $10,199.

Roll call vote:  
Carlson aye  
Grove aye  
Champion aye  
Luttinen aye  
French aye  
Roose aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to recognize the second reading of Policy Update Volume 30 No. 2 and adopt those updates as presented.

Roll call vote:  
Carlson aye  
Grove aye  
Champion aye  
Luttinen aye  
French aye  
Roose aye

Motion carried.
Community Comments: None

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Christian Roose asked a question about why the Kindergarten numbers were lower. Mr. Marana explained that the Young Fives students should be included in the Kindergarten total and he also talked about the numbers in other grade levels.

Donna Champion expressed her thanks to Colleen Corcoran for the great job on the flowers in front of Westwood High School.

Brett French had a question about the numbers anticipated in each grade level especially the fourth grade and whether another section should be added. He referenced the commitment of the board to keep the numbers in each section from getting too high. He also thanked everyone who was able to make it to the board workshop.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Board President: ___________________________ Board Secretary: ___________________________