

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 21, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Brett French in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson

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

Administrators Absent: David Boase, Jon Beckman

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Donna Champion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,161,619.45 for the period of July 17, 2017 through August 18, 2017; to approve the July payrolls in the amount of \$432,815.55 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,594,435.00; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,191,609.23 and total disbursements of \$1,127,866.93; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$106,239.76; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$484,027.81 of July 31, 2017. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported on his plans for September travel to the Fall Superintendent's Conference and the Volunteer Climbing Ranger Training. The student count is looking solid with a small increase in per pupil funding. He also reported on the success of the Governor's visit.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School

Chris Marana reported on the busy summer with some projects in the Aspen Ridge building, with the renovations taking shape. The building will be all set for the Open House and there is a new sign at the driveway to the school on Aspen Ridge School Road. The summer school session went well and Aspen Ridge is also the recipient of a large amount of school supplies through a group called Advance America.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Jon Beckman that things are looking good on the middle school side of the building and Tom Hill, who is the main custodian for the middle school has done a great job getting the classrooms and his other areas ready. Meet the Patriots for fall sports is taking place right now, at the same time as this meeting, and fall sports are all up and running.

Westwood High School

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Dave Boase that the maintenance and custodial crews are working hard and he also commented that Closner does a very good job of keeping their work areas clean. The building is ready to roll for the new school year.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that there will be some in-house training by MARESA staff on the district Professional Development days coming up. Preschool screenings are still taking place for kids who may qualify to attend the Early Childhood Special Education classroom.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that three new buses were delivered on August 8. The bus routes are being finalized and there will be a bus at the Open House for new students.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement . Work continues regarding metrics to track success. A new template for the 2017-2018 school year will be utilized.

Facilities . Nothing pending at this time-committee will disband at this point.

Finance and Ops . Nothing pending at this time.

Personnel . Nothing pending at this time.

Policy . Preparing the latest policy updates from NEOLA at this time.

School Improvement . Nothing pending at this time but a meeting will be scheduled in September.

Sinking Fund . 2017 Summer Projects are on schedule and under budget.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to hire Brad Wiljanen as an Assistant Football Coach.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Ron Mariani to hire Tyler LaJoie as an Assistant Football Coach.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to authorize the following list of volunteers. Motion carried.

- Jacob Lehman as a Volunteer Football Coach
- Ryan Syrjala as a Volunteer Football Coach
- Jacob Wolf as a Volunteer Football Coach
- Taylor Gray as a Volunteer Cheer Coach
- Sheri Hewitt as a Volunteer Dance Coach
- Sarah Massie as a Volunteer Tennis Coach
- Natalee Dobson as a Volunteer Volleyball Coach

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion to accept Doug Elliott's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Ron Mariani to hire Dennis Henson as a part-time bus driver.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Wendy Pederson to accept Vianey Sherwood's letter of resignation.
Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to hire Michele Talsma as a teacher.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to authorize the Board President to sign the letter of understanding from Anderson Tackman regarding our upcoming audit on behalf of the Board as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau to authorize the Board President to sign the School Inspection Authority documents as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to authorize the opening day of school for the 2017-2018 school year to be Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to accept Jilbert Dairy's bid for the 2017-2018 school year as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Donna Champion to accept Bimbo Bakeries bid for the 2017-2018 school year as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Donna Champion to authorize the Superintendent to sign the Thrun Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to the Marquette-Alger Technical Middle College as presented on behalf of the district and Board of Education.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion to authorize the Superintendent to sign the NICE Start contract for the 2017-2018 school year as presented on behalf of the district.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Ron Mariani to authorize increasing meal prices as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion to authorize upgrading the district's server as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to authorize the Superintendent to travel to Traverse City and back to present at the State Superintendent's Fall Conference. Motion carried.

Community Comments: Mark Honkala spoke to the board about an incident with his son.

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Ron Mariani mentioned a good article in the Mining Journal about an incoming freshman student and the fact that he spoke so highly of his experience so far at the district. He also complimented both Mr. DeAugustine and Mr. Wommer for their recent interviews, and also for all of the behind the scenes work that went along with the Governor's visit.

Donna Champion congratulated Bryan and his wonderful reception of the Governor and all of his work on setting up the meetings that were hosted here.

John Grove stated that it's hard to believe how fast summer flew by and that school is already starting.

Randy Couveau asked to be reminded of the situation spoken of during the Community Comments. He also stated that at the Meet the Patriots event, Mr. Beckman gave a nice speech about not focusing on other districts but rather our own.

Wendy Pederson asked if we will have a local law enforcement presence on campus? She also wants to do exit interviews for those students who leave and to find out reasons why they left. She also wondered if the commercials we've done in the past can be broadcast again and if the Schools of Choice buses are full and if it's worth it to run them outside of our district. Mr. Wommer answered that they are not at capacity, but they are bringing a lot of students to school each day.

Bryan DeAugustine stated that everything is good and that the summer was productive.

Brett French stated that the district is in as good of a position as he can remember and hats off to all who get it done on a daily basis.

*NICE Community School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 21, 2017*

Motion by John Grove supported by Ron Mariani to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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