

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, March 19, 2018

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: Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Ron Mariani

Members Absent: Brett French, Wendy Pederson

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, David Boase, Jon Beckman, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton

Administrator's Absent: Michael Wommer

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

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 move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$744,101.25 for the period of February 19, 2018 through March 16, 2018; to approve the February payrolls in the amount of \$886,412.58 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,630,513.83; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$2,183,333.76 and total disbursements of \$1,422,165.84; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$334,462.66; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$357,359.46 of February 28, 2018. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine gave an update on the graffiti incident and the school safety walk that took place, and the work that has recently been done with the help of local law enforcement on the district's emergency plan. He also mentioned an upcoming legislative trip to Lansing, travel over spring break and the brochure that the business students have created.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana reported that Kindergarten registration was held and a great job was done once again by the Kindergarten staff. He also mentioned that Representative Cambensy visited the Aspen Ridge building in Mrs. Levandoski's art class. There was a nice article in the Mining Journal about her visit as well. The third marking period ends this week and MStep testing will begin after spring break.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Jon Beckman reported that the middle school students will also begin the MStep after spring break. The third quarter reward activity is a bowling outing that the students always enjoy. In athletics, it's one of the few down times even though spring sports have begun, but there are no home events scheduled now until after spring break. This year has been a very good one for all sports.

Westwood High School Report

Dave Boase reported that the recent play, Mid-Summer Night's Dream, had two very successful showings and there will be two more. The band and chorus students have also had some great performances lately. Pre-enrollment has begun for scheduling for next year and the 8th graders have freshmen orientation coming up. High School Bowl, Forensics and Robotics have all been successful.

Special Education Report

Nate Longton talked about the annual disability fair coming up this week at Aspen Ridge. He also mentioned that some of the Special Education teachers have participated in ongoing autism trainings and talked briefly about a collaboration with NMU to help improve our offerings for Gifted and Talented students as well as to improve our special education delivery for next school year.

Transportation Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Mike Wommer that the bus fleet is in very good shape.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – NWEA and initiatives update

Finance and Ops – Budget amendment discussion

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Bids are out and will be up for consideration in April

Business / Action Items

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau to accept Elizabeth Conery's letter of resignation.
Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Luke Joki as a Maintenance Custodian.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye		

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Donna Champion to hire Paul Korpi as a bus driver.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye		

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Donna Champion to resolve to support the reopening of the Empire Mine as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye		

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with MARESA for internet access services as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye		

Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent to travel to Lansing and back in April with the Marquette County Ambassadors. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Kathleen Carlson to amend the 2017/18 General Fund Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye		

Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Randy Couveau thanked Bryan DeAugustine for his continued answering of questions and concerns regarding the recent events at the school and for addressing each concern professionally.

Kathleen Carlson thanked Officer Williams for establishing such a presence in our buildings. She also invited everyone to the wrestling banquet which will be held on Saturday.

Donna Champion also thanked Bryan DeAugustine for how he handled all of the questions and concerns regarding recent events at school. She is always proud to have his voice speaking for NICE Community Schools. She also thanked Officer Williams for taking the time to spend with kids during the day and at board meetings. It's a nice representation from the Ishpeming Township department.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked everyone for their support.

Ron Mariani agreed with all of the other comments and also asked how many forgiven days remain in the event of a spring snowstorm. Bryan DeAugustine answered that we have one day left.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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