

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, December 21, 2015.**

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: Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, Brett French, John Grove, Eric Luttinen, Wendy Pederson, Chris Roose

Members Absent: None

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

Administrators Absent: Jon Beckman

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Eric Luttinen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition:

There was a Financial Presentation by Bob Nardi from MARESA.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Eric Luttinen to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Eric Luttinen to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Eric Luttinen to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,033,956.82 for the period of November 9, 2015 through December 18, 2015; to approve the November payrolls in the amount of \$503,696.71 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,537,653.53; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,113,993.78 and total disbursements of \$1,159,677.19; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$173,238.15; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$315,467.29 of November 30, 2015. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported briefly on the Cadillac Tax associated with the Affordable Care Act, stating that we won't be scrutinized by the ACA until January of 2018 and we currently are not in danger of violation or penalty. He also reported of a good meeting to get the alumni association off the ground with Kathleen Carlson and Kitty Kososki. He also met with a few students to round out that side of the association.

Aspen Ridge Elementary

Chris Marana reported that the before-school math intervention program Morning Math Minute+ for 4th and 5th grade students is being run by Mrs. Lantagne and so far the program is doing well. Another successful Christmas program was held with special thanks going out to Westwood High School and the Ishpeming Township Fire Department. The YMCA of Marquette County put on a water safety program for all of the third grade students last week which included a classroom session as well as a pool session here at our high school pool. Nothing but great comments from the teachers and students have been reported. They hope to be able to offer this to our second grade students later this winter.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the middle school students had a semi-formal dance on the Wednesday before break. Winter athletics are all up and running with several contests to be held during break.

Westwood High School

Dave Boase reported that the new bathrooms have prompted a lot of compliments from the public as they are being used during athletic contests. Most are appreciative of the family bathroom. A drama performance is coming up in January called Comedy of Errors. The juniors will take the SAT April 12 and most will be able to access a practice version online prior to the actual test.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that the SCI students at Aspen Ridge raised almost \$400 for their classroom by selling Christmas cards that they hand-made. Mrs. Head was awarded a grant for a wiggle seat for her resource room and the sensory room has a recent addition of a swing that was donated.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that things were running smoothly and the fleet is ready for winter.

Committee Reports

Sinking Fund Committee: nothing to report beyond the recommendation that will be considered in the action items.

Policy Committee: nothing to report beyond the recommendation that will be considered in the action items.

Facilities Expansion and Enhancement Committee: nothing to report beyond the recommendation that will be considered in the action items.

School Improvement/Schools of Choice Committee: the committee did meet and will meet again in February. They feel as though all major issues were covered. They will continue to work together to see if there are any new projects to tackle. A recap of the meeting and the committee's action plan will be presented to the board in January.

Academic Achievement Committee: nothing to report beyond the recommendation that will be considered in the action items.

Business / Action Items

Motion by John Grove supported by Kathleen Carlson to add two aide positions for the purpose of supporting students with special needs.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Donna Champion to accept Bob Christian's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to accept Ashley Vial's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Brooke Ollanketo for an SCI aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to hire Jamie Senske for an LRE Aide Position. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Elizabeth Conery for the breakfast server position at Aspen Ridge School. Motion carried.

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Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by John Grove to hire Irv Dieterle as an Assistant GirlsqHigh School Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to appoint Ryan Kleven as a Volunteer Assistant BoysqHigh School Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to transfer Chelsie Wealton to the role of Assistant BoysqHigh School Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Denise Platteborze as Middle School Cheer Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Eric Luttinen to recognize the second and final reading of the NEOLA Policy Manual and that the new manual will become effective on the first day of the second semester, Monday, January 25, 2016.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to authorize the liquidation of the old truck and plow when the new replacement truck and plow arrive.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to table the recommendation for the Board of Education to authorize the purchase of four (4) new buses and the liquidation of three (3) old buses until the next Board Meeting Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent to sign the Letter of Agreement with AFSCME for the purpose of meeting the ACA minimum requirements on behalf of the District.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	French	nay
	Grove	aye	Luttinen	aye	Pederson	aye
	Roese	aye				

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to authorize the superintendent to purchase the NWEA MAP testing protocol and regiment for the amount of \$20,793.00.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize the superintendent to solicit RFPs for proposals to create conceptualized plans for the District's future facilities needs.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Donna Champion to authorize the superintendent to solicit bids for renovations to the auditorium and WHS Media Center.

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

Motion carried.

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Kathleen Carlson wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Wendy Pederson thanked the students from the Government class for being in attendance.

John Grove wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Donna Champion thanked Mrs. Heather DeAugustine for the goodies.

Bryan DeAugustine wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Wendy Pederson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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