

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, February 20, 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: Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, Brett French, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson

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

Administrators Absent: Jon Beckman, David Boase

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by John Grove 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 \$751,968.67 for the period of January 16, 2017 through February 17, 2017; to approve the January payrolls in the amount of \$532,244.24 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,284,212.91; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,299,581.34 and total disbursements of \$1,078,829.12; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$214,446.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$250,305.22 of January 31, 2017. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that MARESA has certified our fall count at 1200.48 FTE so he will be enacting the pay bump for the NTA per the CBA. Currently, we have 1,208 students enrolled. Bryan presented Teck Solutions First Step Recommendation to the board.

Aspen Ridge Elementary

Chris Marana reported that the winter MAP testing is finished, which wrapped up the first calendar year of test cycles. The technology worked smoothly throughout the testing process. Aspen Ridge was represented very well at the Glacier Glide Art Exhibit at Presque Isle. Coming up in March, there are many reading month activities planned, as well as Kindergarten Registration for the fall of 2017.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Jon Beckman that the MAP testing is completed for the winter cycle. For athletics, the WHS diving team did very well at the UP finals with Bethany Laakso, freshman, placing first for the girls's team. For the boys's team, Brock Sundberg, freshman, placed third and Joe Boburka, junior, placed fourth. In wrestling, sophomore Sam Gilles will compete at the state competition.

Westwood High School

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Dave Boase that SAT prep was well underway and students were taking advantage of the Kahn Academy tutorials to help prepare. The Winter sports season is wrapping up soon and student athletes will begin their spring seasons in March.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that the Quarter 2 data is in for Kindergarten through 2nd grade interventions and 90% of the data shows growth. He also reported that he's continuing to build relationships with outside agencies for behavior needs. He will be attending a Wraparound meeting in March.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported a continuing education class was held at WHS and all transportation staff are now certified through 2019.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement . Meeting March 2, at 4:00 p.m. in the WHS Media Center.

Facilities . Ongoing presentations to the community regarding the May 2, Bond Referendum.

Finance and Ops . Met this evening at 5:30 p.m. in the WHS Media Center.

Personnel . Meeting tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. in the WHS Media Center.

Policy . Meeting February 28, at 6:15 p.m. in the WHS Media Center.

School Improvement . Nothing pressing at this time

Sinking Fund . Meeting coming up soon.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion to authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of the District, to purchase three buses as presented and explore financing for said purchase.

<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 Lansing and back in April as part of the Marquette County Ambassadors legislative trip. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Ron Mariani to adopt the Schools of choice resolution as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Bryan DeAugustine thanked the Board for the two days off that he took last week.

Ron Mariani thanked Bryan for the presentation and for kicking off the committee meetings. He has lots to learn but appreciates the opportunity.

Donna Champion thanked Mike Wommer for his work explaining the savings by purchasing the new buses.

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Wendy Pederson also thanked Mike Wommer for putting all of the information together regarding the bus purchase. Also, she was wondering if Bryan was happy so far with the press coverage regarding the potential expansion and upcoming bond referendum. He said he is and that they present a fair and accurate view.

Randy Couveau thanked Mike Wommer for all of his work on the bus schedule and thanked Bryan DeAugustine for presenting at the community meetings.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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