

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, January 16, 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: Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, Brett French, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: None

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

Administrators Absent: Jon Beckman

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$712,784.32 for the period of December 19, 2016 through January 13, 2017; to approve the December payrolls in the amount of \$598,606.57 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,311,390.89 ; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$992,505.29 and total disbursements of \$1,321,866.89; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$130,124.33; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$190,589.16 of December 31, 2016. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that we currently have 1,208 students enrolled, finances are stable and round two of the NWEA MAP testing is underway. He also mentioned the upcoming decision regarding the potential Bond Referendum, a technological infrastructure system analysis by Teck Solutions, his upcoming trip to Lansing in April and the Finance Seminar for U.P. Superintendents that he is hosting on Wednesday, January 18. He talked about some further options for behaviorally challenged students and there was much discussion about what support MARESA currently provides.

Aspen Ridge Elementary

Chris Marana reported that he recently co-wrote a grant with Nathan Longton to fund a behavioral specialist for a couple of hours a couple of days per week. MARESA staff will continue to hold after-school trainings for para-pros. Becca DeVerney, the SCI teacher at Aspen Ridge, will be holding a disability fair for all third grade students to help bring awareness to them. The PTO will be sponsoring the annual family tubing night Friday, January 20, at Al Quaal. Winter NWEA MAP testing has begun.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Jon Beckman that the first semester wrapped up nicely and the next round of NWEA MAP testing has begun. He also reported that Athletics are stable right now.

Westwood High School

Dave Boase reported that exams finished up one day late due to the snow day. There is a drama performance of The Tempest coming up. Band and Choral solo ensembles are also coming up. BPA recently competed in regional competition with 23 students qualifying for state competition. **There were also two WHS students who participated in a HOSA regional competition recently.** Also, the sophomore class will be attending some technical career presentations at the Jacobetti Center at Northern Michigan University.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported more details about the options for behaviorally challenged students.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that there will be a continuing education course for the bus drivers which happens annually.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement . Nothing pressing at this time

Facilities . Ongoing meetings and planning for potential expansion

Finance and Ops . Nothing pressing at this time

Personnel . Nothing pressing at this time

Policy . Upcoming quarterly policy updates

School Improvement . Nothing pressing at this time

Sinking Fund . Continue planning 2017 Summer Projects

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Kathleen Carlson welcomed Randy Couveau and Ron Mariani to the Board.

John Grove thanked the new board members for committing to serve.

Wendy Pederson also thanked the new board members for committing to serve.

Donna Champion also thanked the new board members and thinks that the board is in very good shape.

Bryan DeAugustine thinks that we've come very far from when he first became superintendent. He thinks the district is in good shape and thanked all of the board members for their service.

Brett French thanked Bryan DeAugustine for choosing NICE as the school of choice for his children. He welcomed the new and thanked the returning board members. He also thanked the board for the vote of confidence in asking

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him to serve as Board President. He referenced three primary targets moving forward: 1) Financial Management Strategy, 2) Bond issue decision, and 3) Academic Performance Improvement.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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