

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 18, 2016**.

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 Eric Luttinen supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition:

January is School Board Recognition month and each Board member was presented with a certificate and a note of thanks. The results were shared from the recent BPA regional competition and the Honors Band event.

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. The minutes were tabled until the next meeting due to an error.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$652,483.91 for the period of December 21, 2015 through January 15, 2016; to approve the December payrolls in the amount of \$555,507.91 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,207,991.82; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$818,406.37 and total disbursements of \$1,127,750.73; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$185,145.01; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$338,507.58 of December 31, 2015. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that things have been pretty quiet and teachers and students are preparing for the upcoming midterm exams. There are currently low 20's enrolled in the NMU class offerings. Bryan DeAugustine also reported that he recently had a good lunch meeting the Dan Skewis of Negaunee and Carrie Meyer of Ishpeming to brainstorm new ways to collaborate on projects with the three districts.

Aspen Ridge Elementary

Chris Marana reported that all teachers for grades K-5 have participated in the training for the NWEA MAP testing. The Middle School teachers will start next. The Family Tubing Night has been postponed to January 30th due to the weather. The elementary school is wrapping up a good first semester.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the middle school continues to get an influx of 6th graders enrolling which does present some new challenges moving forward. For athletics, the winter sports seasons are in full swing and the students are putting in a lot of time with training and practices.

Westwood High School

Dave Boase reported that the last run of Comedy of Errors will be held this Wednesday night. Recently BPA, music and Health Occupations competed in their respective competitions. The sophomores are touring the Jacobetti Center next week. The Natural Helpers program is going to begin in Negaunee after they liked what they saw with our program.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that planning meetings are already happening for next school year. Recently, interviews were held for a middle school para pro with a candidate who will be up for hire at the next meeting. He also reported that testing accommodations plans are in process for the many different tests and assessments that will be taking place.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that the new truck and plow were delivered. Everything else was going well and the bids for the old truck and plow are due this week.

Committee Reports

Facilities Committee: RFPs went out for the upcoming projects in early January, with the hopes to share a recommendation at the February meeting.

No other committee activity has taken place.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by John Grove to authorize the superintendent to negotiate contract extensions of two years with the High School Principal, POA Director and Special Education Coordinator. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chris Roose to authorize the superintendent to negotiate an 18 month contract with Michael Wommer to serve as our Transportation Director and Grounds Supervisor. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to authorize the superintendent to purchase four (4) new buses from Zaremba Equipment of Gaylord, MI, totaling \$320,934.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to pursue bids for financing the full amount of \$320,934 for the purpose of buying the new buses.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to authorize the superintendent to liquidate three of our least useful buses for competitive prices at the superintendent's discretion.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to pass the NEOLA resolution as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Chris Roose to authorize the superintendent to contract with NEOLA, Inc. to electronically publish and maintain our new policy manual and to pay \$2,450 in each of the first two years.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Donna Champion to pass the resolution as presented to restate our 401(a) plan document.

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

Motion carried.

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Chris Roose commented that it was interesting to watch the news and see that Negaunee's environmental science program kicked off.

Kathleen Carlson congratulated all of the high school students who represented us well in their recent competitions. A special thanks to the booster club for donating the proceeds of the 50/50 drawing at the Ishpeming game to the wrestling program.

Wendy Pederson said that she was waiting for our first snow day!

Eric Luttinen stated that a conflict of interest was the reason for his abstention from the roll-call vote for the Valic resolution.

Donna Champion said that she was pleased with the length of the meeting.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked the board for the vacation time. He also mentioned that he has had a great response from the adults that he has contacted for the alumni association as well as the 4 students that will be involved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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