

**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 15, 2018**

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

Members Absent: Wendy Pederson

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

Administrators Absent: David Boase, Jon Beckman

**Public Comment (regarding agenda):** None

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Ron Mariani to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **Consent Agenda:**

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 move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$747,626.66 for the period of December 18, 2017 through January 12, 2018; to approve the December payrolls in the amount of \$605,279.63 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,352,906.29; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,046,066.66 and total disbursements of \$1,370,698.59; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$140,225.66; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$57,282.71 of December 31, 2017. Motion carried.

### **Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items**

#### Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine recognized the seven board members for their dedication to our children and public education without receiving any compensation. He also reported on the recent Business Professionals of America regional competition, an update on the Severance Tax payment and continued work on Senate Bill 390.

#### Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana reported the two week elementary testing concluded on Monday, January 15, with middle school testing to begin next week. The Lego Robotics State tournament will take place at Allendale High School on January 20, 2018.

#### Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Jon Beckman that the middle school math testing is concluding this week. A recent staff meeting included a discussion of technology updates. In athletics the wrestling team has made a good showing and the varsity girls' basketball team has been rated in the top five schools in the area.

#### Westwood High School Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Dave Boase that exams will be starting on Tuesday. Culinary Arts students had an opportunity to attend some events at Northern Michigan University to receive some firsthand experiences. The third round of high school bowl competition is being conducted now.

#### Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that the speech and SCI teachers are improving communications with their students and that Officer Williams is forming successful relationships with some of our struggling students.

Transportation Report

Mike Wommer informed the group that he and Bryan DeAugustine will be recommending the purchase of three new buses from Holland Bus Sales.

**Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement . No activity this month. Winter NWEA MAP testing is about to begin.

Finance and Ops . Budget amendment coming up in February or March as the Severance Tax payment crystallizes.

Personnel . No activity this month.

Policy . Policy Update Volume 32 No. 1 and Tech Phase III proposed first reading this month.

School Improvement . No activity this month.

Sinking Fund . 2018 Summer Projects schematics and drawings being prepared for the bidding process.

**Business / Action Items**

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Ron Mariani** to accept Mr. William Olgren's letter of retirement.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to authorize the purchase of three 77 passenger buses from Holland Bus Sales totaling \$249,807 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Kathleen Carlson** to authorize advertising bids to finance the purchase of three buses from Holland Bus Sales.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau** to authorize the liquidation of District buses 3C, 3D, and 3E for the best available offer for each vehicle.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to recognize the first reading of NEOLA Policy Update Volume 32 No. 1 and Tech Phase III as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Ron Mariani supported by John Grove** to authorize the superintendent to sign the Letter of Agreement on behalf of our District regarding NTA Insurance options as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Community Comments:** None

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Randy Couveau thanked everyone for helping him get through his first year as a board member.

Kathleen Carlson thanked all of the bus drivers who got the kids home safely during the early release due to bad weather. She also congratulated the Cross Country team for their academic achievement awards and to Coach Hill on a job well done.

Ron Mariani stated that he feels good about the board's accomplishments and that it's been a good year working together.

Brett French thanked everyone for making our year a success and that everything seems to be going well. We have many things to be thankful for.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked all for his time off to enjoy a relaxing vacation with his family.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**Board President:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Board Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_