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, July 18, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by President Brett French in the Cafeteria of Westwood High School at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, Brett French, John Grove, Eric Luttinen, Wendy Pederson, Christian Roose

Members Absent: None

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Mike Wommer

Administrator's Absent: David Boase, Jon Beckman, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition:

Bryan DeAugustine presented the District Strategic Goals: Academics and Draft Goals

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of $1,116,277.00 for the period of June 20, 2016 through July 15, 2016; to approve the June payrolls in the amount of $517,083.09 for total disbursements in the amount of $1,633,360.09; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of $871,738.38 and total disbursements of $1,083,209.32; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of $96,283.57; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of $1,195,818.88 of June 30, 2016. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report
Bryan DeAugustine reported that the grounds crew has worked hard on the grassy areas by the tennis courts with a few more areas that need to be worked on. He also received a mock script from Joker Media for the possible advertisement.

Aspen Ridge Elementary
Bryan DeAugustine reported that Title I summer school will begin shortly for reading and math.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report
Bryan DeAugustine reported that Title I summer school will see some middle school participation from incoming 6th graders. For athletics, football camp began this week and there is an upcoming alumni doubles tennis tournament scheduled.

Westwood High School
Bryan DeAugustine reported that the construction projects are moving along nicely with target dates for completion still on track.
Special Education Report
Bryan DeAugustine reported that Nate Longton and Kellie Boase are working out the schedule for the new speech therapist who will share time with Negaunee Public Schools. MARESA staff will also be on-site to provide some professional development to our staff during the two professional development days to begin the school year.

Transportation
Mike Wommer reported there are 107 students for the Schools of Choice buses. The new buses were delivered and are ready to go.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement: The superintendent gave a presentation to start tonight’s meeting to update you on the committee’s most recent work.

Facilities: The superintendent will continue the process of communicating with the public regarding the potential expansion of the District’s facilities. The committee is finalizing the conceptual drawings that will represent potential future expansion.

Finance & Operations: Nothing pressing at this time as we begin the new fiscal year.

Personnel: No pressing issues at this time.

Policy: The committee will ask you to consider the first reading of policy updates Volume 30, No. 2.

School Improvement: Nothing pressing at this time.

Sinking Fund: 2016 Summer Projects well underway and on schedule. WHS Media Center Substantial Completion Date: August 25. WHS Theater Substantial Completion Date: October 27.

Negotiations AFSCME: Negotiations complete with a Tentative Agreement (TA). The Board will go into closed session to consider ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).


Business / Action Items

Motion by Christian Roose supported by Eric Luttinen to hire Al Nylander as a part-time bus driver.

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye French aye
              Grove aye Luttinen aye Pederson aye
              Roose aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Michael Rivord as a part-time bus driver.

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye French aye
              Grove aye Luttinen aye Pederson aye
              Roose aye

Motion carried.
Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Jaime VanEnkevort as an English teacher.

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye French aye
Grove aye Luttinen aye Pederson aye
Roose aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to formally adopt the MASB Superintendent Evaluation protocol for the purposes of evaluating the District’s superintendent on an annual basis. Motion carried.

Motion by Christian Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent to accept mBank’s financing bid at 1% as presented.

Roll call vote: 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 authorize the superintendent to accept the bid for the District’s copying services from Image Makers as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent and transportation director to advertise the liquidation of the District’s 1999 Geo Prism and sell it to the highest bidder on behalf of the District.

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye French aye
Grove aye Luttinen aye Pederson aye
Roose aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize the superintendent to subcontract the District’s physical therapy needs through Superior Rehabilitation and Professional Services contingent upon board review and approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by John Grove to recognize the first reading of Policy Update Volume 30, No. 2.

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye French aye
Grove aye Luttinen aye Pederson aye
Roose aye

Motion carried.

Community Comments: None.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Kathleen Carlson to consider closed session under 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purposes of discussing the negotiating status with the Bargaining Unit of AFSCME.

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye French aye
Grove aye Luttinen aye Pederson aye
Roose aye

Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7:35 p.m.
Brett French announced there would be a five minute recess.

Meeting returned to open session at 8:05 p.m.

**Motion by Chris Roose supported by Eric Luttinen for the Board of Education to ratify the three year contract between the NICE Community School District and the NICE Community Schools Employees’ Chapter AFSCME Local No. 2565.**

| Roll call vote: | Carlson  | aye | Champion  | aye | French | aye | Grove  | aye | Luttinen | aye | Pederson | aye | Roose  | aye |

Motion carried.

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Eric Luttinen mentioned he had interacting with members of the Munising School Board and got a perspective of some of their tactics.

Wendy Pederson reported of problems existing with Skyward programs during the summer months.

Bryan DeAugustine stated he would check on more facts about PowerSchool to possibly replace Skyward.

**Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Kathleen Carlson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.