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 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Ron Mariani in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Brett French

Administrator’s Present: Bryan DeAugustine, David Boase

Administrator’s Absent: David Boase, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton, Michael Wommer (all excused)

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

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

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the annual budget hearing minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Randy Couveau to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of $727,476.14 for the period of June 19, 2017 through July 14, 2017.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the June payrolls in the amount of $559,080.00 for total disbursements in the amount of $986,556.14; to approve the Treasurer’s Report of the General Fund with total receipts of $971,335.20 and total disbursements of $1,170,348.24; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of $106,504.39; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of $617,434.69 of June 30, 2017. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent’s Report
Bryan DeAugustine presented a brief Power Point regarding performance metrics. He also shared the letter he recently sent to all Faculty and Staff which requested feedback to a few questions about the district.

Aspen Ridge Elementary and Middle School/Athletics
Bryan DeAugustine reported that things are stable in mid-summer and the staff is getting ready for the start of the school year. Many sport camps have been held and athletes are busy training and preparing for fall sports to begin next month.

Westwood High School
David Boase reported that the Westwood High School building is a busy place throughout the summer with driver education classes, an MBEA Microsoft clinic, many athletes practicing and training in addition to the custodians getting the building ready. He also said he hoped that student schedules would be ready to be mailed by the end of the month.

Special Education Report
Bryan DeAugustine reported that the SCI summer program was going well. Chelsea Norton, who is a Co-Op teacher from Negaunee is doing very well running the program this summer.
Transportation
Bryan DeAugustine reported that other than Mike Wommer driving the routes to make sure we are running as efficient as possible, the transportation department has been pretty quiet.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – Work continues regarding metrics to track success.
Facilities – Nothing pending at this time.
Finance and Ops – Nothing pending at this time.
Personnel – Nothing pending at this time.
Policy – Committee will meet soon to discuss the latest policy updates from NEOLA.
School Improvement – Nothing pending at this time.
Sinking Fund – 2017 Summer Projects are on schedule and on budget.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Jacob Poyhonen as a part-time bus driver.

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye Couveau aye
                Grove aye Mariani aye Pederson aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to accept Laurie Schon’s letter of retirement with thanks for her many years of service. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent to accept mBank’s bid as presented on behalf of the District.

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye Couveau aye
                Grove aye Mariani aye Pederson aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to recognize the second reading of Policy 5630.01 Student Seclusion and Restraint. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to adopt Policy 5630.01 Student Seclusion and Restraint. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to authorize the Board President, Board Secretary and Superintendent to sign the INN agreement as presented on behalf of the District.

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye Couveau aye
                Grove aye Mariani aye Pederson aye

Motion carried.

Community Comments: None
Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Randy Couveau mentioned that he thought the staff letters for feedback were a great idea and will hopefully generate some comments.

Kathleen Carlson talked about the great success of another alumni softball tournament around the 4th of July holiday. She also mentioned that she is glad to see the athletes working hard during the summer and the agreement with AdvantEdge has been a great thing.

Wendy Pederson shared her concern over the lack of Westwood Patriot representation in the Ishpeming 4th of July parade and wondered how we can get involved in showing a stronger presence. She also mentioned that she was happy that the construction projects were going well.

Donna Champion congratulated Bryan DeAugustine on all of the extra work he does for the district at all of the out of town meetings he attends. She also shared her sentiments on the alumni softball tournament and wondered if we could host an alumni open house.

Ron Mariani shared that summer is going by quickly and he has noticed that there has been a lot of activity around the district. He also thinks it’s important to remember that the board is there to give Bryan the support he needs to do his job of running the district.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked the board and mentioned the team effort within the school community. He also mentioned that he has been selected to be a part of a rescue team at the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

Motion by John Grove supported by Donna Champion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Board President: _________________________ Board Secretary: _________________________