

**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, June 20, 2016**.

The meeting was called to order by President Brett French in the Cafeteria of Westwood High School at 6:33 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, Mike Wommer

Administrators Absent: Jon Beckman, Nathan Longton, Chris Marana

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Communications & Recognition:**

IDI and OHM presented their conceptualized plans for the addition of a gymnasium and locker room space. Allison Filizetti, parent of Tristen Filizetti who is a Middle College participant, spoke to the board about the great opportunity and experience he~~s~~ had so far.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$677,217.67 for the period of May 16, 2016 through June 17, 2016; to approve the May payrolls in the amount of \$550,501.21 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,227,718.88; to approve the Treasurer~~s~~ Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$866,663.50 and total disbursements of \$1,103,342.06; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$95,481.01; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,201,755.09 of May 31, 2016. Motion carried.

**Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items**

Superintendent~~s~~ Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that he~~s~~ been exploring some options with Joker Media for advertising at Thomas Theater during the before movie advertising. The cost would potentially be \$5,000-\$6,000.

Aspen Ridge Elementary

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the school year wrapped up well and the staffing items for the upcoming school year will be discussed at the July board meeting.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the middle school was stable in terms of personnel with one change in the Special Education teaching staff at the middle school. He also reported that many athletic camps were being held throughout the summer across the grade levels.

Westwood High School

Dave Boase reported that he~~d~~ be working on the staffing needs by the July board meeting. The building is busy with students attending sports camps, driver~~s~~ education, etc., as well as the major construction projects in the

auditorium and media center. He's getting ready to send out his annual invite to area schools for dual enrollment options. The office is also busy working on scheduling for next year.

Special Education Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that staffing needs are a work in progress and updates will come at the July board meeting.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that it was a good school year and route work for the next school year has already begun.

**Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement: The committee is continuing defining and documenting strategic goals across the grade levels and departments as well as for the district as a whole.

Facilities: Presentations tonight by IDI and OHM.

Finance & Operations: Annual Budget Hearing tonight, outlining the final amendments to Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget and Proposal of Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget.

Personnel: No pending issues at this time.

Policy: A new set of quarterly updates to be reviewed.

School Improvement: No pending issues at this time.

Sinking Fund: 2016 Summer Projects well underway.

Negotiations AFSCME: Negotiations still underway. (AFSCME contract expires on June 30, 2016.)

Negotiations NTA: Negotiations complete . under contract through September 30, 2019.

**Business / Action Items**

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent to create two new LRE Aide positions. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Kim Jestila as an LRE Aide.

<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 John Grove to hire Vianey Sherwood as an LRE Aide.

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

Motion carried.

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Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Kelly Wood as an LRE Aide.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Christian Roose to hire Dan Carlson and Chad Hewitt as co-assistant varsity track coaches.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Mariah Dunham as the District's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach.

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

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to hire Heather Salmi as the District's Head Varsity Volleyball Coach.

<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 John Grove to authorize the superintendent to enter into the maintenance service agreement with Johnson Controls on behalf of the District 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 John Grove to authorize the superintendent to work in conjunction with AFSCME and the board's negotiations committee to create a Maintenance Custodian position.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to authorize the superintendent to break away from MARESA for speech services and add an additional speech therapist to the professional staff.

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

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Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Christian Roose to hire Arica Altobello as a speech therapist.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	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 hire Karen Liimatta as a Special Education Teacher.

<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 Wendy Pederson to adopt the final amendment as presented to the 2015-2016 General Fund.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	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 adopt the final amendment as presented to the 2015-2016 Cafeteria Fund.

<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 Kathleen Carlson to adopt the final amendment as presented to the 2015-2016 Debt Retirement Fund.

<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 John Grove to adopt the final amendment as presented to the 2015-2016 Sinking Fund.

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

Motion carried.

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Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to adopt the 2016-2017 budget as presented for the General Fund.

<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 John Grove to adopt the 2016-2017 budget as presented for the Cafeteria Fund.

<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 Kathleen Carlson to adopt the 2016-2017 budget as presented for the Debt Retirement Fund.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to adopt the 2016-2017 budget as presented for the Sinking Fund.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Christian Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent to enter into a four year agreement to hire Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC as the District's auditing firm per the presented contract.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent to create an additional bus run 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 Kathleen Carlson supported by Eric Luttinen to approve the resolution to authorize the superintendent and Board Officers to sign the financing documents to complete the purchase of four (4) buses on behalf of the District as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Christian Roose supported by John Grove to maintain the Hard-cap formula as the basis for employee insurance packages.

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 Christian Roose to authorize the superintendent to work with the District's attorneys to complete the transfer of the plot of land from the Marquette County Land Bank Authority to the District as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent and the board president to sign the annual contract for necessary services provided by MARESA.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Christian Roose supported by John Grove to approve the resolution to authorize the District's participation in the Michigan Finance Authority's borrowing program as presented and authorize the Board Officers and superintendent to sign said documentation 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 Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to award the Capital Improvement Tax Anticipation Note bid to Macatawa Bank at 0.97% and authorize the Board Officers and superintendent to sign the necessary paperwork to complete the borrowing process as presented.

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

Motion carried.

**Community Comments:** None.

Motion by Christian Roose supported by John Grove 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

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Meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.

Brett French announced there would be a seven minute recess.

Meeting returned to open session at 9:06 p.m.

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:** None.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by John Grove to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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