

**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 19, 2017**

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, Michael Wommer

Administrators Absent: Jon Beckman, David Boase, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton (excused)

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Ron Mariani 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 Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$964,055.20 for the period of May 15, 2017 through June 16, 2017; to approve the May payrolls in the amount of \$577,711.30 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,541,766.50; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$994,938.79 and total disbursements of \$1,150,713.69; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$106,469.57; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$621,767.48 of May 31, 2017. Motion carried.

**Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items**

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that 276 credit hours were successfully earned and fully paid for by Westwood High School students through the Northern Promise program for dual enrollment. He also wanted to open up some discussion for the possibility of another culture workshop.

Aspen Ridge Elementary and Middle School

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the staff felt like the school year ended well and things are fairly wrapped up now for the summer.

Westwood High School

Bryan DeAugustine reported that graduation was a success with many compliments on the guest and student speakers.

Athletics

Bryan DeAugustine reported that there was great success in the spring sports season and our student athletes have begun their summer training and camps in preparation for next year.

Special Education Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that preschool screenings were held in May with 18 kids attending to be tested in the various areas. He also stated that Mr. Longton wanted to share a special thanks to NORTHIRON Church for their hospitality and excellent coffee.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that the school year wrapped up accident-free again. He also reported that 181,028 miles were driven this year and the total mileage on the current fleet is 1,759,369 miles.

**Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement . Work continues monitoring student growth and assessing regional support for academic achievement.

Facilities . The committee recommends tabling the Bond Referendum Project until public support is evident to the board.

Finance and Ops . The committee recommends adopting the proposed General Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Debt Retirement Fund and Sinking Fund budgets, respectively, for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Personnel . The committee recommends reentering the superintendent's REP Report evaluation rating from last school year and completing the 2017 calendar year evaluation by 11:59 p.m. December 31, 2017. The committee is comfortable with the use and implementation of the School AdvanceED and Danielson models for evaluations for both administrators and teachers.

Policy . Policy update review coming up soon.

School Improvement . Nothing pressing at this time.

Sinking Fund . 2017 Summer Projects are underway.

**Business / Action Items**

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to accept Roger LaVigne's letter of retirement. Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson** to hire Madison Macek as a teacher.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
	French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Donna Champion** to hire Lydia Tiseo as a teacher.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
	French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson** to authorize Traci Sundberg, the Board's Administrative Assistant, to reenter last year's REP Report effectiveness rating for the superintendent.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
	French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Ron Mariani supported by John Grove** to approve the proposed General Fund Budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year as presented.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
	French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to approve the proposed Debt Retirement Fund Budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year as presented.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
	French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Ron Mariani** to approve the proposed Cafeteria Fund Budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year as presented.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
	French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to approve the Sinking Fund Budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year as presented.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
	French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Randy Couveau** to authorize Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC as the District's auditing firm with Superintendent Bryan DeAugustine to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the district.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
	French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion** to table the recent Bond Proposal Project until public support is evident to the Board.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
	French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion** to authorize the superintendent to sign the %Save Empire Agreement+on behalf of the district.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye
	French	aye	Grove	aye	Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to authorize the superintendent and board president to sign the general service agreement with MARESA for support services for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson** to resolve to retain our District Membership in the MHSAA as presented.

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Ron Mariani** to resolve to authorize the issuance of notes in anticipation of the State School Aid Borrowing Program through the Michigan Finance Authority.

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 recognize the first reading of Policy 5630.01 Student Seclusion and Restraint.

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 administrative team to move forward with pursuing the academic excellence model. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Kathleen Carlson** to authorize the Academic Achievement Committee members to pursue a meeting with a contingent of the MARESA board. Motion carried.

**Community Comments:** Shelley Paavo addressed the board about her concerns that her child's accommodations were not met for an online class. She also mentioned her wish to become involved in various other groups such as PEG Committee and baseball and again that she was there to advocate for her children for academic needs as well as extra-curricular activities.

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Donna Champion was very pleased to see the new Ishpeming Township Police Officer in attendance at the meeting and hopes that he can work with the school, be present and get to know the students and she wished him well.

Ron Mariani mentioned that it was a pleasure working with the board during the last six months as he is continuing to learn more about what being a school board member means.

Kathleen Carlson recognized Mrs. Jan Fredrickson for her many years of service on the Booster Club.

Randy Couveau shared that his daughter had a fantastic experience in Mrs. Ahola's fifth grade class and was upset on the last day of school because she was going to miss her over the summer.

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Brett French mentioned a program for certain qualifying high achieving students that could potentially earn them 4 full years tuition free at the University of Michigan.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Kathleen Carlson** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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