

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, March 21, 2016**.

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, Brett French, John Grove, Eric Luttinen, Wendy Pederson, Chris Roose

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Jon Beckman, Nathan Longton, Chris Marana, Mike Wommer

Administrators Absent: David Boase (excused)

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition:

Travis Hongisto and Phil Niemi from IDI presented the 3-D images of the auditorium renovations. Bryan DeAugustine also reported on the WSMA Band Festival and the State BPA Competition.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Chris Roose to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Chris Roose to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Chris Roose to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$738,854.00 for the period of February 15, 2016 through March 18, 2016; to approve the February payrolls in the amount of \$520,486.45 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,259,340.45; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$2,449,595.87 and total disbursements of \$989,540.65; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$379,433.97; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$705,901.18 of February 29, 2016. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that he wrote and received a grant for \$7,000 which will be put toward the NWEA MAP testing costs.

Aspen Ridge Elementary

Chris Marana reported that kindergarten registration took place and was well attended with a higher number of registrations than last year. He also said a special thanks to the kindergarten staff for a well-organized event. The actual screenings for kindergarten will take place the week of April 11. He also reported that there have been several events throughout the month for March is Reading month. The 3rd marking period is wrapping up and the ARES PTO will have their spring carnival on Thursday, 3/24. Annual state assessments will begin after spring break.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Jon Beckman reported that the middle school will begin the MSTEP testing after spring break. Planning has begun for the 2016-17 school year and department meetings have been held to discuss the results of the first round of the NWEA MAP testing. Athletics have been exciting with the recent success in the post season for the boys' basketball team. He has received many compliments regarding our students who travelled to Escanaba for the regional games and also for their behavior at the district games hosted at Westwood High School. There has been

great student, parent and community support for the quarter-final game in Petoskey. 5 coach buses will travel to the game to support the boys. He also reported that spring sports have begun.

Westwood High School

Bryan DeAugustine reported that 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will all take some form of the SAT test whether it's the real test for 11th graders or practice versions for the 9th and 10th graders.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that recently the middle school links program has expanded and now there are 90 students district-wide serving as links. He also thanked the teachers involved in helping to make that possible. He reported that he's pursuing partnerships with Child & Family Services and Pathways to help out with our students that have mental health needs. Supports are in place for those students who will need accommodations for some of the upcoming state assessments.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that everything regarding transportation was running smoothly and they are gearing up for the travel associated with spring sports contests. The new buses are ordered and expected delivery will be the second week of August.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement: No pressing issues at this time.

Facilities: Will be part of tonight's board considerations.

Finance & Operations: Will be part of tonight's board considerations.

Personnel: Will be part of tonight's board considerations.

Policy: No pressing issues at this time. NEOLA quarterly updates coming up in April. Updates distributed to each board member.

School Improvement: No pressing issues at this time.

Sinking Fund: IDI presented tonight regarding this summer's upcoming projects.

Negotiations AFSCME: Negotiations will begin this week. (AFSCME contract expires on June 30, 2016.)

Negotiations NTA: Negotiations will continue this week. (NTA contract expires on August 31, 2016.)

Business / Action Items

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Wendy Pederson to accept B.G. Bradley's letter of retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to accept Donna Kroon-Harris's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Lisa Wood as a 4 hour cafeteria server.

<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 Chris Roose supported by John Grove to appoint Greg Annala, Mike Chantelois, Brian Johnson, Jared Koski, Wes Leece, Brian Mattila, Jeff Pierpont, and Jeff Prophet as volunteer youth development assistant coaches for basketball after the completion of the district's background check process. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to adopt the first proposed general fund budget amendment 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 Chris Roose supported by John Grove to adopt the first proposed cafeteria fund budget amendment 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 Chris Roose supported by Donna Champion to adopt the first proposed debt/retirement fund budget amendment 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 Chris Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to adopt the first proposed sinking fund budget amendment 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 Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent to travel to Lansing in April for the spring Marquette County Ambassadors Legislative Trip with the approximate cost of \$700.

<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 Donna Champion to authorize the superintendent to purchase 30 Chromebook computers and a computer cart in the amount of \$10,199 out of 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 Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent to negotiate a contract extension with Compudyne for IT services for board consideration at the April board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to solicit drawings from both OHM and IDI not to exceed \$7,000 in costs from either individual firm.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Roose supported by John Grove to authorize the superintendent to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Mather Nursing Home as written. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent to sign both Memorandums of Agreement with the Marquette County Health Department as written. Motion carried.

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Donna Champion stated that we are fortunate to have Bryan DeAugustine seeking and applying for grants and she thanked him for those efforts. She also mentioned how proud she was of the boysbasketball team's post season success. Lastly, she copied an article related to the State Superintendent's visit for all of the board members.

John Grove wished the boysbasketball team good luck.

Bryan DeAugustine mentioned the importance of enjoying the things that go well. There are many great things happening at NICE and it's a great time to be a Patriot.

Brett French stated that looking at the success of where we are as a district today, that we need to continue to set the bar higher.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chris Roose to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Board President: _____ **Board Secretary:** _____