

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 20, 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, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton, Michael Wommer

Administrators Absent: Jon Beckman, David Boase (both excused)

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$825,295.47 for the period of February 20, 2017 through March 17, 2017; to approve the February payrolls in the amount of \$553,056.03 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,378,351.50; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$2,692,132.94 and total disbursements of \$1,040,728.10; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$362,284.47; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$485,763.05 of February 28, 2017. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine that the spring count is up from the fall count, to 1204.71 FTE. He also reported that there is a revenue shortfall regarding the current budget due to the severance tax drop of \$183,000. The township presentations are going well, with Ishpeming and Humboldt Townships left. He also has been asked to present to new superintendents at next year's Fall Superintendents Conference in Traverse City.

Aspen Ridge Elementary

Chris Marana reported that many activities are taking place for March is reading month. Recently the elementary school participated in what day+ with money raised being donated to UPAWS. Family reading night was held, with 125 students and their families participating. There was a used book sale during the reading night event with used books being sold for twenty-five cents. Over 600 books were sold. Kindergarten registration is Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 5:30 pm. The students in the upper elementary and the middle school will visit Westwood High School for an anti-bullying presentation. Finally, the PTO Annual Carnival is scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2017.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Jon Beckman that the NWEA MAP results were in and they staff continue to look for ways to see academic achievement with regard to these tests. The middle school is a busy and active building. He was able to chaperone a 6th grade field trip to the PEIF at NMU for a rock climbing event. Bryan DeAugustine also reported that Jon Beckman was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to traveling back from an Athletic Director's conference in Traverse City where he was presented with the Region 1 Athletic Director of the Year award. For athletics the spring sports are all up and running.

Westwood High School

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Dave Boase that while the high school students don't participate in the NWEA MAP testing, they historically have relied more on exams for measuring academic growth, and more recently the PSAT test preparing for the SAT. Dave has reached out to Houghton Schools because of their high achievement and test scores and also to Marquette Schools as they utilize the NWEA MAP at the high school level. He's looking for ways to help our kids achieve better results. The students at Westwood are also gearing up for spring events such as prom and graduation.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that he attended a wraparound meeting in Marquette that went better than he expected. He has a lot of new contacts from different agencies to help with the different behavioral needs of some of our students. He also said that Chad Rowley from MARESA received a grant that will be able to provide transportation for 11th graders to travel to the NMU Jacobetti Center to explore different career opportunities.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that everything is quiet and running smoothly in the transportation department.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement . Very busy identifying deficit areas and concentrating on identifying best practices and necessary tools to improve achievement

Facilities . May 2, 2017, Bond Referendum Vote

Finance and Ops . Continuing work on this year's budget and future projections

Personnel . Superintendent's Annual Evaluation Training and Preparation

- Evaluation Discussion . Discussion took place on the training for the new protocol for evaluating the superintendent, administrators, and teachers

Policy . Upcoming quarterly policy updates (Consider 1st Reading this Evening)

School Improvement . Nothing pressing at this time

Sinking Fund . Continue planning 2017 Summer Projects

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to authorize President French and Secretary Champion to sign a contract extension and pay increase for Mr. Chris Marana as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to authorize President French and Secretary Champion to sign a contract extension and pay increase for Mr. Jon Beckman as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to authorize President French and Secretary Champion to sign a contract extension and pay increase for Mr. Michael Wommer as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to hire Marc Nutini as the Head Golf Coach.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Ron Mariani to appoint Heather Salmi as the volunteer Head Softball Coach.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Bruce Lawry as a part-time bus driver.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion to authorize a maternity leave of absence for Lydia Tiseo. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to recognize the 1st Reading of Policy Updates Volume 31 Number 1 as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Ron Mariani said that he had a busy time with a couple of really important committees and that learning a lot continues to be his objective. He also congratulated the teachers of the year and the music performers recent successes.

Donna Champion wished everyone a Happy Easter and an enjoyable spring break.

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Wendy Pederson thanked Bryan for having all of the committee meetings. She also congratulated John Grove for his recent appearances on television, and Brett French for the award he received.

Kathleen Carlson congratulated everyone previously mentioned on all of the good news, and also was pleased to share that the WHS wrestling team received All-State Academic honors.

Randy Couveau asked if NMU has ever contacted NICE regarding high-speed internet connectivity and Bryan answered that yes, they have, and are trying to work out some kinks before going live for all of the families in the NICE district.

Bryan DeAugustine mentioned that he was going to take some days off for spring break, but was not traveling anywhere.

Brett French hopes that everyone enjoys their spring break. Congratulations to a lot of the great things going on around the district. There has been a lot of committee work going on since the Organizational Meeting and good work is being done which is very encouraging. The goal will always be to continue to improve upon what we are doing. He also mentioned that he is very concerned about the financial status of the district and that we need to be mindful of it and develop a plan to tackle it. He would like Finance & Ops to meet shortly after spring break.

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by John Grove to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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