

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, May 16, 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 (arrived late)

Members Absent: None

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

Administrators Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Communications & Recognition:

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the BPA National results, the State Solo & Ensemble Results. He also recognized Linda Dompierre as the recipient of this year's Board Distinguished Service Award. Two VIM students also performed for the board.

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 \$625,175.35 for the period of April 18, 2016 through May 13, 2016; to approve the April payrolls in the amount of \$505,140.62 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,130,315.97; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,101,893.67 and total disbursements of \$1,000,620.06; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$95,391.40; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,222,388.29 of April 30, 2016. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the demolition of the auditorium has begun with the removal of the old seats. There was a request for the seats and it was recommended that a liability waiver be signed for anyone that wanted to take a seat or section of seats. The board will take action at tonight's meeting on this. The board meeting location will need to change from the media center to the cafeteria for June, July and August due to the construction project in the media center over the summer. Representatives from Northern Michigan University visited last week. They are exploring looking to expand their offerings on our campus with a possible industrial maintenance option and a public safety course option. Mr. DeAugustine also mentioned the possibility of a Northern Michigan University speaker series for next year. There is also an inter-district agreement for night and weekend course offerings here at the NICE facilities. The Marquette County Land Bank Authority is considering a donation for a plot of land for the industrial students to build a single family home.

Aspen Ridge Elementary

Chris Marana reported that the elementary students were wrapping up the assessment cycle. The ACES walk was held and the collage concert is coming up. Some students will attend the STEM conference this week and everyone is gearing up for Family Night which will be held on Wednesday, May 25, from 5:00 . 7:30pm.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Jon Beckman reported that the mStep testing would be completed this week and the NWEA MAP assessments would begin for the end of year cycle. The eighth grade students are heading to Six Flags Great America for their end of the year class trip on Friday, and the sixth grade students will visit Mackinac Island next week. For athletics, the spring sports season will come to a close with MPC and UP competitions during the next couple of weeks. Also, he congratulated Coach Chad Hewitt on being named UP Coach of the Year as well as being asked to coach the all-star game to be held in Marquette. There are also 6 students attending a student athlete leadership conference at MARESA this week.

Westwood High School

Dave Boase reported that many of the items that he was going to mention had already been covered, but that there were a lot of really exciting things going on right now. He and John Jessen are very excited about the possibility of the land bank donation. Many honors and awards assemblies are taking place. Scott Wolfson is the speaker for the graduation ceremony this year and he has also developed a scholarship.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that all schools in the MARESA are undergoing a compliance review for Special Education. There were 26 students screened for preschool with special thanks to the staff at Northiron Church for their hospitality. There will be a peer to prom program coming up which was a 100% student driven project.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that the new buses will arrive the week of August 15, prior to the start of the new school year.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement: The administrative team delivered updates regarding the MAP, PSAT, MSTEP and SAT. The special education department discussed the Basic and Advanced Certificates of Completion.

Facilities: The conceptual drawings and renderings from both IDI and OHM are coming along nicely with deliverables for the June Board Meeting.

Finance & Operations: The administrative team is working toward the June Budget Hearing and June Board Meeting with final amendments to Fiscal year 2015-2016 Budget and Proposal of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget.

Personnel: The Superintendent's evaluation and salary are to be considered this evening.

Policy: No pressing issues at this time; second reading of quarterly revisions and edits.

School Improvement: The team met and expressed no pressing issues at this time. The committee believes the District is moving forward in a positive direction.

Sinking Fund: 2016 projects are just beginning.

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 Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to accept Wendy Manzoline's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Donna Champion to accept Judi Oysti's letter of retirement with thanks and gratitude. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to accept Tim Poissant's letter of retirement with thanks for the many fine things he's done over the years. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by John Grove to recognize the second reading of NEOLA Policy Revisions Volume 29, No. 2 & Volume 30, No. 1 and authorize adopting the revisions 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 resolve to support MARESA's General Fund Budget for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

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

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Wendy Pederson to resolve to authorize the borrowing of \$283,661 (Two Hundred Eighty-three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-one Dollars) against future Sinking Fund revenue collections as presented.

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

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to recognize Gladstone Area Public Schools as part of the Mid-Peninsula Conference. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Kathleen Carlson to resolve to continue our membership in the Michigan High School Athletics Association.

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

Community Comments: Tammy Sandberg mentioned the Vista theater for the auditorium seats.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to consider closed session under 8(b) of the Open Meetings Act for the purposes of discussing the superintendent's evaluation.

<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 consider closed session under 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purposes of discussing the superintendent's compensation.

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

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Chris Roose 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.

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

Meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

Brett French announced there would be a five minute recess.

Meeting returned to open session at 8:19 p.m.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson that the Board of Education assign a rating of ~~Highly~~ Effective+for the Superintendent for his work over the past school year.

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

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Kathleen Carlson that the Board of Education authorize raising the Superintendent's salary to \$105,000.00 per annum starting July 1, 2016.

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

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Kathleen Carlson stated she was very happy about our industrial arts department being involved in building a house, just like in former years.

Brett French reminded board members of five vacant seats up for election with the deadline to be on the ballot is 4:00 p.m. on July 25, 2016.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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