

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, November 13, 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, David Boase, Jon Beckman, Nathan Longton, Chris Marana, Michael Wommer

Administrators Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to amend the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$733,097.99 for the period of October 16, 2017 through November 10, 2017; to approve the October payrolls in the amount of \$562,079.40 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,295,177.39; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$867,877.91 and total disbursements of \$1,049,244.42; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$104,232.53; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$12,787.83 of October 31, 2017. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine presented on the first round of NWEA MAP testing scores from this fall. He also reported on his recent trip to Lansing for the Senate Testimony, Project Empire and Economic Development Work and that he will be traveling during the upcoming Christmas break.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana reported that last month the elementary school participated in fire prevention activities and he extended a special thank you to the townships involved. The first marking period ended nicely and there was a good turnout for parent/teacher conferences. He also reported that the Western Marquette County Health Foundation has asked to use a template for a grant that was originally written by Mr. Marana and Mr. Longton for a grant through Blue Cross Blue Shield that could secure some funds for Aspen Ridge Elementary. Lastly, he congratulated the Aspen Ridge Robotics team for their recent competition.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Jon Beckman reported that the middle school students ended the first quarter with a reward outing which was a movie day. The annual Veterans Day program went extremely well and saw a great veteran turnout. Parent/teacher conference attendance was a little below average and part of that reason is due to the Skyward Family Access system and teacher emails. He also said that office referrals were down. For Athletics, Mr. Beckman reported that it was one of the best Fall Seasons that he can remember. He recognized the academic achievements of the sports teams as well. Westwood High School was recently host to the Class D Volleyball regionals which was a great opportunity to showcase the school. The Winter Seasons have now begun.

Westwood High School Report

Dave Boase reported that in addition to the busy sports seasons, there have been many activities that students have been successfully involved in such as Honors Band, the drama production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Improv, High School Bowl, upcoming concerts as well as the ASVAB test and parent/teacher conferences.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that the many meetings with Pathways and other outside agencies are finally paying off and we are starting to see improvements. Seclusion and Restraint incidents are down and he and Mr. Marana are building partnerships with local law enforcement agencies in trying to rally as many resources for the schools as possible.

Transportation Report

Mike Wommer reported that in conjunction with fire prevention activities at Aspen Ridge School, bus evacuation practice was held. Recently the annual Michigan State Police bus inspections took place with 21 green tags, 1 yellow tag and 2 red tags. The fleet is back on the road and necessary repairs have been made.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement . Work continues to improve and monitor our students' academic achievement. The superintendent presents some updated information this evening.

Finance and Ops . Anderson Tackman presents our new audit this evening.

Personnel . Consider extending the superintendent's contract through June 30, 2021, with a 3% pay increase beginning July 1, 2018, and an additional pay increase of 2% beginning July 1, 2019.

Policy . Second reading and adoption of Policy Update Volume 31 Number 2 and the ESSA Provisions.

School Improvement . Discussions and brainstorming continue.

Sinking Fund . 2018 Summer Projects meeting being scheduled for later this month/early December.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Ron Mariani to adopt the committee's recommendation to extend the Superintendent's contract through June 30, 2021 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 Kathleen Carlson to authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to sign the Addendum to the Superintendent's contract 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 Donna Champion supported by Ron Mariani to hire Melissa Tobias as an LRE Aide.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Wendy Pederson to recognize the second reading of Policy Update Volume 31 Number 2 and the ESSA Provisions as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to adopt Policy Update Volume 31 Number 2 and the ESSA Provisions 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 John Grove to authorize the purchase of a Plow Truck from Frei Chevrolet 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 Randy Couveau supported by Donna Champion to authorize the financing of a Plow Truck from mBank 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 Ron Mariani supported by Randy Couveau to authorize the district's entrance into the West PAC Athletic Conference.

<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 John Grove to adopt the audited Financial Statements from Anderson Tackman for the year ending June 30, 2017.

<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:

Randy Couveau thanked everyone at the meeting for all of their hard work especially Jon Beckman for his work with the West PAC conference.

John Grove agreed with Randy Couveau.

Kathleen Carlson stated that she attended high school parent/teacher conferences this year and was pleased to not see any disgruntled parents so she wanted to commend the high school staff for their work.

Wendy Pederson had no closing comments.

Donna Champion congratulated Scott Syrjala and the football success, and Heather Salmi and the volleyball success. She said that it's nice to get recognition in sports as well as academics.

Ron Mariani congratulated everyone on a great start to the school year and special congratulations to the Robotics team at Aspen Ridge School.

Bryan DeAugustine mentioned that everything he, Bob Nardi and Dan Skewis talked about from this region at the Senate Testimony in Lansing seemed to be well-received. He also thanked the Board for the contract extension and pay increase.

Brett French thanked Ron Mariani for stepping in during his absence. He also talked of the concurrent enrollment. One thing to think about was that in the year 2023, the NICE district will no longer see revenue from the severance tax. It is largely that revenue that provides us the resources to pay tuition for NMU courses so work needs to begin on what to do next. There are many great things going on at NICE and we should be very proud. Thanks to Jon Beckman for all of the work on the conference items.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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