

**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 9, 2015**.

The meeting was called to order by President Brett French in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:34 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, David Boase, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton, Mike Wommer

Administrators Absent: Jon Beckman

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

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Donna Champion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Communications & Recognition:** A thank you letter was shared with board members from Dick Derby regarding the Westwood High School students who helped with Project Keep Kids Warm. Michael Armstrong from Anderson Tackman presented the Annual Audit.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Chris Roose to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Chris Roose to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Chris Roose to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$576,153.31 for the period of October 19, 2015 through November 06, 2015; to approve the October payrolls in the amount of \$777,469.21 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,353,622.52; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$854,278.05 and total disbursements of \$1,425,828.65; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$173,152.31; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$397,220.19 of October 31, 2015. Motion carried.

### **Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items**

#### Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that as requested by the board previously, he obtained the original ballot language for the Special Education millage for MARESA and the distribution of funds to the local districts currently doesn't follow the original language of that millage. He reported on a couple of initiatives that are being explored regarding a formal alumni association and a Patriot Club for current students to be mentored by alumni. He also reported on his trip to Lansing with the Marquette County Ambassadors that was well worth the time.

#### Aspen Ridge Elementary

Chris Marana reported that the after school learning lab and power hour were running steady with 40 students enrolled. The entire school participated in the TV-6 can-a-thon and doubled last year's donation total. He also thanked the Marquette Best Buy store for a \$500 donation which will be used for technology purchases. A Lego robotics group lead by Christina King and Sonya Seablom for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders has begun and meets twice a month. The elementary Christmas program has been scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Westwood High School again.

#### Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the middle school students who were detention/suspension free and had all passing grades will have a reward movie and popcorn activity. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for this week. Sometimes the decline in parent attendance is due to the connection between parents and teachers via

email and Family Access. For athletics, the winter seasons have begun today and the fall seasons have closed out. Lots of the programs are gaining momentum. Football in particular made school history by making it to the playoffs two years in a row. Volleyball has a promising future with young but dedicated coaches.

#### Westwood High School

Dave Boase reported that the high school is in the heart of the concert and performance season with the band stadium show, Improv, and Nonsense II. The high school students also participate in the can-a-thon but deliver their supply locally. The junior class will have the opportunity to take a practice version of the SAT test online. Parent teacher conferences are upcoming. The school-based peer helping program, Natural Helpers, had a training day at the township hall. There are four teachers and the guidance counselor involved with the students.

#### Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported MARESA staff recently held another para-professional training in-house, focusing on behavior supports for students with high needs. The SCI classes took a joint field trip with the Gwinn SCI class to the Thomas theater for a movie. This month, the SCI classes are going to hold staffings in a different way using a medical model and he's looking forward to seeing how it works in that format.

#### Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that the annual Michigan State Police bus inspections were completed with six red-tags. Everything was fixed and up and running before he left and they now have green tags.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Academic Achievement Committee

The committee has not met.

#### Finance & Operations Committee

The committee met prior to the board meeting to discuss the bills, financial reports and they also heard the audit presentation. They also heard about the close out of the Sinking Fund projects.

#### Personnel

The committee met recently and discussed adding an additional para-professional at Aspen Ridge and also the Superintendent evaluation.

#### Sinking Fund

The committee met and discussed the overall projects for 2014-15 and the changes that were made over the course of the project.

#### Policy

The first reading of the NEOLA policies will be acknowledged at tonight's meeting.

#### Facilities Enhancement & Expansion

The long-term facilities plan was presented at the Tilden and Ely Townships. Champion and Michigamme remain. A committee meeting will be scheduled soon to begin to look at the next step.

#### School Improvement/Schools of Choice

The committee has not met but will meet soon.

**Business / Action Items**

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to grant Steve Bluhm's request for a leave of absence.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to hire Heather Oysti for the position of Media Center Aide at Westwood High School. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove accept the bid from Frei Chevrolet and purchase the selected pickup truck with a plow for \$34,795.00 to be financed through Northern Michigan Bank over 48 months at an interest rate of 1.5%.

<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 Wendy Pederson to adopt the resolution for the financing of a new pickup truck.

<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 recognize the first reading of the NEOLA Policy Manual.

<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 Eric Luttinen to include the \$67,499.00 to the base bid price of \$754,732.00 for a total of \$821,231.00 made payable to Associated Contractors.

<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 accept the audit findings as presented. Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to close the meeting under section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for negotiations preparation.

<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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Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
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The meeting entered closed session at 7:51 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:20 p.m.

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

None

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Chris Roose to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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