

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, October 17, 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, Wendy Pederson, Christian Roose

Members Absent: Eric Luttinen

Administrators Present: Bryan DeAugustine, David Boase, Jon Beckman, Nathan Longton,

Administrators Absent: Chris Marana, Michael Wommer (both excused)

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 move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,060,786.88 for the period of September 12, 2016 through October 14, 2016; to approve the September payrolls in the amount of \$787,635.98 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,848,422.86; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$303,450.43 and total disbursements of \$1,473,953.91; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$101,725.13; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$403,687.37 of September 30, 2016. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the name of the new auditorium has been decided on as The Patriot Performing Arts Theatre. A Middle Cities Enrollment Study will be done as part of the Facilities Enhancement Potential Project. The next media shoot for a commercial is tentatively scheduled for November 2nd and November 3rd. He also reported that he held a luncheon for all of the township supervisors, Project Empire was hosted at Westwood High School, and he recently met with a group of ten 12th grade students to discuss a variety of things about their high school career.

Aspen Ridge Elementary

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Chris Marana that the Fall NWEA MAP testing cycle wrapped up with a slight glitch in the technology for the fourth graders but overall went well. Fire prevention activities and Michigan Apple Crunch day will take place and Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up soon in November.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Jon Beckman reported that the annual seventh-grade trip to Clear Lake Education Center saw the largest group we've sent yet. The trip went very well and several people were noted in the thank you note that was shared with board members. Office visits for discipline are down compared to last year at this time. All middle school students attended an anti-bullying assembly at Ishpeming High School. In athletics, big congratulations to Chris Jackson and the girls' tennis team for another UP title. This is the 9th title in 11 years. Fall sports are winding down. Westwood High School will host volleyball Districts as well as the Regionals for Class D.

Westwood High School

Dave Boase reported that it has been a very busy school year with a CTE Safety Seminar, Homecoming, Young Americans, and the Big Sing all taking place. The excavation began for the CTE building site and the 11th graders will be taking the PSAT this week.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that MARESA, through NICE Community Schools, wants to do a pilot program in the SCI classroom called Foundations of Communication. This program will focus on trying new and different technologies to support the communications needs of our students who communicate in different ways. The first LINKS celebration was held and there are currently five students signed up for the LINKS class and will receive credit for it.

Transportation

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Mike Wommer that the Michigan State Police Inspection will begin this week on Wednesday and the transportation staff is busy making sure everything is ready for that. The new buses are performing excellently.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement: A presentation was given on the November Test Score Targets.

Facilities: Ongoing meetings and planning for potential expansion and development of financial strategy.

Finance & Operations: The committee will meet just prior to the November board meeting for the audit presentation.

Personnel: The committee will bring a recommendation to the November meeting regarding the Superintendent's goals.

Policy: No pressing issues at this time, though the committee should meet soon to go over the most recent quarterly updates.

School Improvement: Nothing pressing at this time.

Sinking Fund: 2016 Summer Projects wrapping up. 2017 Summer Projects discussion underway: Superintendent's Office, Aspen Ridge Media Center and WHS Front Walkway. A Grand Opening for the auditorium is tentatively scheduled for November 10.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Randy Annala as the 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to hire Travis Lawry as a Custodian. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Jeremy Lindsay as a Maintenance Custodian. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Carrie Malette as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Donna Champion to accept Bryan Steede's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the Sinking Fund Change Orders as presented.

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

Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Donna Champion thanked two Northern Michigan University students for attending the meeting and briefly described why they were in attendance. She also stated that she and her husband are both very impressed with the new construction projects at Westwood.

Wendy Pederson also mentioned that the NMU students were attending board meetings across the area to see if the closing of the Empire Mine is affecting schools. She also mentioned a great job hosting and handling all of the events that have recently taken place across the campus and that she is very excited about the new auditorium.

The two NMU students spoke briefly about the class that they are taking and why they attended the board meeting. They also mentioned interviewing the Superintendent and other administrators in the future.

Kathleen Carlson thanked Dave Boase and the teaching staff at Westwood High School for being so accommodating when her son missed two weeks of school for illness.

Chris Roose mentioned that the Young Americans' visit was a whirlwind but so much fun. His daughter Miranda had a goal to come back to Westwood High School to perform and it was awesome! Many people in the community are hoping that the Young Americans' group returns to the district again.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked everyone for a great start to the school year.

Brett French agreed with Bryan wholeheartedly and thinks that things are going very well.

Motion by Chris Roose supported by John Grove to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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