

**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 16, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ron Mariani in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Brett French

Administrators Present: Bryan DeAugustine, David Boase, Jon Beckman, Chris Marana, Michael Wommer

Administrators Absent: Nathan Longton

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson 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 \$810,560.31 for the period of September 18, 2017 through October 13, 2017; to approve the September payrolls in the amount of \$547,442.15 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,358,002.46; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$333,340.73 and total disbursements of \$1,220,724.46; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$112,602.12; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$19,868.21 of September 30, 2017. Motion carried.

**Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items**

Westwood High School

Dave Boase reported that the high school is busy with a successful homecoming, a CTE safety meeting, the PSAT taken by the eleventh grade class, the Marquette County Pops Concert and the ninth grade class beginning the NWEA MAP testing. Upcoming events include NMU band day, high school bowl and the play Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics

Jon Beckman reported that the middle students have finished up their fall NWEA testing cycle and that the Veteran's Day program coming up is always a nice event. He also provided an update on the conference realignment with today being the deadline to apply for the West Pac conference. Five current Mid-Peninsula conference teams have reportedly applied. More information will be presented in November.

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the Cleveland Cliffs Tax Tribunal Notice regarding the Empire Mine. He also reported on his upcoming trip to Lansing to serve on the School Finance Reform Project as well as his recent travels to Traverse City for the Superintendent's Conference where he presented and Lansing with the Marquette County Ambassadors. As the Chair of the Marquette County Ambassadors, he had an opportunity to write a guest editorial to the Mining Journal and he shared that article.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School

Chris Marana reported that things are going well in the elementary school. After-school learning lab begins tomorrow and runs through the end of May.

#### Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that everything was running smoothly at the bus garage and that all of the bus runs are filled with drivers.

#### Special Education

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Nathan Longton that the entire Special Education staff will be participating in START training. This is a very valuable training for staff who work with the students we have who receive services under the Autism Spectrum Disorder special education eligibility.

#### **Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement . The administrators presented at the September Board Meeting and continue to work toward improved student growth and improved test scores.

Finance and Ops . The draft audit is complete and is in order. Anderson Tackman will have a final draft including a presentation at the November Board Meeting.

Personnel . We are continuing to work on the Superintendent's evaluation.

Policy . First reading tonight of Policy Update Volume 31 No. 2 and ESSA

School Improvement . Meetings ongoing. Good discussions and debate.

Sinking Fund . Planning for 2018 Summer Projects

#### **Business / Action Items**

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau** to grant Mrs. Ahola's request for maternity leave. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to hire Rebecca Anderson as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson** to accept Dean Annala's letter of retirement. Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to hire Rebecca Bannon as a part-time bus driver. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Kathleen Carlson** to hire Marshall Harris as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to hire Rebecca Johnson as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Kathleen Carlson** to hire Roger LaVigne as a part-time bus driver. Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson** to accept Rachel Marta's resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau** to hire Allan Morris as a custodian. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to hire Tim Poissant as a part-time bus driver. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to hire Ashley Vial as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to authorize the liquidation of the truck and its plow as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to authorize the Superintendent to sign the Letter of Agreement as presented on behalf of the District.

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to authorize the Transportation Director and Superintendent to solicit quotes for a new truck and plow and the potential financing of the vehicle. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Kathleen Carlson** to recognize the first reading of Policy Update Volume 31 Number 2 and ESSA. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to enter into closed session for the purposes of discussing the Superintendent's upcoming evaluation.

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

Motion carried.

The meeting entered closed session at 7:38 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session 8:22 p.m.

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove** to give Bryan DeAugustine the evaluation rating of ~~ineffective~~ effective for the 2017 school year.

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

Motion carried.

**Community Comments:** None

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Kathleen Carlson would like to revisit the contract with Lakeshore Photography and also find out why the fall sports pictures have not been delivered.

Randy Couveau congratulated Kathleen Carlson on her recent award and for all the years she has served.

Donna Champion congratulated Bryan DeAugustine on recently receiving the Distinguished Faculty Award from the students.

Ron Mariani congratulated Bryan DeAugustine for his fine template production and appreciation for representing our district on his many trips.

Bryan DeAugustine stated he doesn't mind the extra traveling as it helps with extra recognition for our district.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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