

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, September 18, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ron Mariani in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:31 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, Nathan Longton, 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 Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$740,449.09 for the period of August 21, 2017 through September 15, 2017; to approve the August payrolls in the amount of \$515,938.53 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,256,387.62; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$3,766,638.64 and total disbursements of \$1,372,319.28; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$110,467.48; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$328,185.53 of August 31, 2017. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that he will travel to Lansing in October with the Marquette County Ambassadors and also for a School Finance Study. He reported on the Headlee Rollback and shared some thank you notes he received from Governor Snyder and Deputy Director Murray, and he also reported that the audit was wrapping up and tracking nicely.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School

Chris Marana reported that the second week of NWEA MAP testing will wrap up this week. He also thanked Lisa Kempka and USW Local 4950 for the generous donations of school supplies.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics

Jon Beckman reported that the middle school students are also in their second week of NWEA MAP testing. The middle school population is big this year. The discipline referrals are down so far. Westwood High School has been chosen as the Paint the UP Pink school for this year. He is very proud that we have been chosen for that and festivities will take place in conjunction with high school homecoming. This year is the first year of middle school cross country. They have five meets scheduled. He also mentioned that he will be going to a meeting with the West Pac and discussing the future of the athletic conference which is in doubt at this point. He will report more on that later.

Westwood High School

Dave Boase reported that all is well and up and running ten days into the school year. Homecoming is next week, and the Marquette County Pops concert and a fall play are coming up in October. The NMU dual enrollment classes have 33 students enrolled this semester. There are 30+ Patriot Online students and 9 students with internships.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that he hopes to have the K-8 Peer to Peer program up and running by early October.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported that he brought a bus over to Aspen Ridge for all the kindergarten students to go over bus safety and rules. It's been a busy beginning of the year and he thanked Bryan DeAugustine, Jon Beckman and Chris Marana for their assistance with dismissal. He also thanked Marquette Area Public Schools and Negaunee Public Schools for their assistance in transporting athletes with our shortage.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement . Full board presentation tonight.

Finance and Ops . Nothing pressing at this time.

Personnel . Reviewing administrative staffing and contracts, and reviewing administrative assistant staffing and wages. Proposing completion of the superintendent's evaluation by the end of October.

Policy . Reviewing policy updates.

School Improvement . Reviewing the new school year's atmosphere.

Sinking Fund . 2017 projects are complete and planning is beginning for 2018 project proposals.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to accept Bruce Lawry's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to accept Kim Koski's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Andrea Korpi as the Senior Class Advisor. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Shannon Revello as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Kathleen Carlson to renew the General Fund Levy at 18 mills.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to renew the Debt Retirement Levy at 1.10 mills.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to renew the Sinking Fund Levy at 1.7415 mills.

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Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye Couveau aye
Grove aye Mariani aye Pederson aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent's two trips to Lansing and back in October as presented.

Roll call vote: Carlson aye Champion aye Couveau aye
Grove aye Mariani aye Pederson aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to resolve to create a cooperative softball team with Republic-Michigamme and authorize the Superintendent and Board Secretary to sign the application form as presented. Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Bryan DeAugustine thanked the board for their time and attention at a very long meeting.

Randy Couveau applauded everyone for their ideas for what can be done to improve test scores and he feels those ideas will bring positive changes. He also mentioned the culture change and that it's really driven by the students.

Wendy Pederson recognized the student who attended this meeting for the government class requirement. She also said that campus looks great.

Ron Mariani thanked everyone for a great start to the school year and asked if the student count was on track with what was budgeted. Bryan DeAugustine stated that the count seemed stable.

Donna Champion said that she is very pleased with all the good things happening in the NICE district. She is proud of the district and very happy to be a part of it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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