

**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 **Wednesday, September 14, 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, Eric Luttinen, Wendy Pederson, Christian Roose

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton, Michael Wommer

Administrators Absent: David Boase, Jon Beckman (both excused)

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

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chris Roose to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **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 \$1,509,371.91 for the period of August 15, 2016 through September 9, 2016; to approve the August payrolls in the amount of \$424,860.35 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,934,232.26; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$4,028,384.68 and total disbursements of \$4,064,886.07; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$99,983.48; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$666,376.90 of August 31, 2016. Motion carried.

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

#### Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that Northern Michigan University is creating a healthy network for students to cover the 750 square miles which our district encompasses. We have a NICE email account for students to take advantage of. The goal is to cover our entire district. A name will be decided upon for our new remodeled auditorium. It is important for people to know that other activities besides music will be performed in the auditorium. On May 1, 2019 our school district will be debt-free because Aspen Ridge School will be paid for. It is important for our Board to designate the scope of services prior to election dates regarding our proposed new facility and bond issue. A Facilities Enhancement & Expansion Committee meeting will be scheduled prior to a special Board meeting before our October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Travis Hongisto spoke to the Board outlining reasons why we should choose IDI as the architectural firm to design the project.

#### Aspen Ridge Elementary

Chris Marana reported that the additional fourth grade classroom went well. The fall math testing lays the foundation for intervention for the year and also helps high achieving students. The Young Americans program will take place October 2-4.

#### Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Jon Beckman that math tests are being given. The fall athletics are up and running and Westwood High School will be hosting the Class D volleyball tournament.

Westwood High School

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Dave Boase that the discarding of books that no one has checked out is taking place in the new media center. A lot of drama and musical activities have been scheduled. Our students have been enrolled in programs at Bell Hospital including Bell Helpers.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported the best training method ever held partnering up with more volunteers in K-12 was a success. Schools sharing transportation in the area has been a successful way to minimize costs.

Transportation

Mike Wommer reported the increased busing to Ishpeming is going well. Brett French commented on checking costs comparing our two older buses in need of repairs to the fuel savings and efficiency savings in new buses. The difference could validate purchasing the new buses.

**Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement: Nothing pressing at this time.

Facilities: Ongoing meetings and planning for potential expansion update tonight

Finance & Operations: Nothing pressing at this time.

Personnel: Met just prior to tonight's meeting and working on Superintendent goals and with a plan on how to develop.

Policy: No pressing issues at this time.

School Improvement: No pressing issues at this time.

Sinking Fund: Upcoming meeting on September 26 to wrap up present projects and start on 2017 project discussion.

Negotiations AFSCME: Negotiations complete . under contract through June 30, 2019.

Negotiations NTA: Negotiations complete . under contract through September 30, 2019.

**Business / Action Items**

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire BG Bradley as the Drama Director and Drama Club Advisor positions with the cap placed at payment for 2 performances.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Chris Roose to hire John Jessen for the Freshman Class Advisor position.

<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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Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Chris Roose to hire Vanessa Taavola for the Key Club Advisor position.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Ashley Book as an LRE Aide.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Chris Roose to hire Tamara Johnson for the Teacher and LRE Aide split position.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Kathleen Carlson to hire Christie O'Daniels as an Elementary Teacher.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Joni Simonson as an LRE Aide.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Chris Roose to hire Lindsey Stangenwald as an LRE Aide.

<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 hire Lydia Tiseo as an LRE Aide.

<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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Motion by Chris Roose supported by Eric Luttinen that the Board of Education resolve to set the Operation Millage at the statutory rate of 18 mills.

<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 that the Board of Education resolve to set the Debt Retirement Millage rate at 1.10 mills.

<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 that the Board of Education resolve to set the Sinking Fund Millage rate at 1.7415 mills.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Wendy Pederson to authorize the superintendent to travel to Lansing and then Traverse City and back to attend to legislative matters and the State Superintendent's Conference.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Chris Roose that the Board of Education adjust the 2016-2017 school calendar to make Monday, January 2, 2017, part of the Winter Holiday Break and establish Thursday, June 8, 2017, as the last day of school.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to authorize the superintendent to seek and accept bids for the liquidation of the District's Lenovo laptops and accompanying cart.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the superintendent to sign the contract with AMCAB as presented for the District's preschool services.

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

Motion carried.

**Community Comments:** None

Brett French indicated he would like to take a 20 minute break so the Facilities Committee could discuss essential decisions to be made to coincide with important dates.

Motion by Chris Roose supported by Kathleen Carlson to recess at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

The meeting resumed at 8:05 p.m.

Brett French outlined the two phases to be followed. Phase one we direct and authorize our Superintendent to engage an architect to prepare the ballot for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Phase two would consist of preparation to work with the architect, attorney, and bond agent. A challenge will be to position ourselves by January 23, 2017 to decide on the Board Resolution calling the election question.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Chris Roose to retain the services of IDI to assist with the required work due on January 23, 2017 and other dates with decision made to determine whether or not to be placed on the ballot for Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

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

Motion carried.

Travis Hongisto expressed a big thank you to the Board for choosing IDI as our architect.

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Kathleen Carlson expressed enthusiasm for meeting in the new media center.

Wendy Pederson mentioned the noise from the air conditioning system made it difficult to hear people speaking.

Chris Roose approved of the communication system made possible with the layout of the media center.

Brett French mentioned a task of the administrative team is to share their expectations and bring to the October board meeting their refined comments.

Bryan DeAugustine stated he will accomplish contacting the news media by presenting plans and progress to the public.

Motion by Eric Luttinen supported by Kathleen Carlson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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