

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, December 18, 2017**

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, Randy Couveau, Brett French, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Bryan DeAugustine, David Boase, Jon Beckman, Nathan Longton, Chris Marana, 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 John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$925,997.09 for the period of November 13, 2017 through December 15, 2017; to approve the November payrolls in the amount of \$582,318.90 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,508,315.99; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,112,402.05 and total disbursements of \$1,220,201.32; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$104,253.95; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$3,169.64 of November 30, 2017. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that as a reminder he will be traveling over the Christmas Holidays with his family and that should anything come up, Dave Boase is the senior principal and will be close by if needed. He also mentioned more in his January report on a couple of recent and upcoming meetings regarding Senate Bill 390.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana thanked everyone involved in the success of another great Christmas program. He reported that the grant he and Nate Longton were applying for was selected to review the full proposal and they are 1 of 22 for this grant. He also thanked the Ishpeming Elks for donating a brand new dictionary to each third grader and reported that the Lego-Robotics State tournament will take place at Allendale High School on January 20, 2018.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report & Westwood High School Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that Jon Beckman and Dave Boase were holding their second concert of the day today. He also thanked everyone involved in making these events run smoothly. Winter sports are going well and the Mining Journal has been publishing some great pictures of our student-athletes.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that he and Chris Marana will hopefully hear on the grant they have been working on sometime in January. He also reported that our speech and SCI teachers have been part of a statewide pilot program to improve communication for those with severe need. They are part of the Region 1A Assistive Technology Team. Recently they collaborated on a project using MAPS' Makers Space and their 3D printer to make a communication board for one of our students in the SCI program at NICE.

Transportation Report

Mike Wommer provided some information for the purchase of new buses for the 2018-2019 school year. This item will be revisited in January.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement . No activity this month.

Finance and Ops . No activity this month.

Personnel . Recommendations for extending Jon Beckman, Dave Boase, Kurt Corcoran, Nate Longton, and Mike Wommer's individual administrative contracts along with corresponding pay increases. (The greatest upcoming annual increase is 2%. Several upcoming annual increases are 1%.) An additional recommendation for increasing the wages of the Administrative Assistants . Melissa Maki, Jody Salmi, Marge Scopel, and Traci Sundberg. The greatest wage increase will be during the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year at 3% per person, followed by a 2% wage increase per person for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year.

Policy . Upcoming policy update reviews.

School Improvement . No activity this month.

Sinking Fund . Recommendation to pursue items for the 2018 Summer Projects cycle:

1. WHS Front Walk (a project piece tabled during the 2017 cycle)
2. WHS Bleachers (main floor only)
3. ARS Playground
4. Football Practice Field

Business / Action Items

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to authorize contract extensions and pay increases as presented for Dave Boase, Jon Beckman, Nate Longton, Mike Wommer and Kurt Corcoran.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye	French	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye		

Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize wage increases for Traci Sundberg, Melissa Maki, Marge Scopel, and Jody Salmi as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye	French	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye		

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Milton Braga as our Head Coach for Swimming and Diving.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye	French	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye		

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Ron Mariani to hire Emily Kinne as our Assistant Coach for Forensics.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye	French	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye		

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to accept Jacob Laakso's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to accept Denise Platteborze's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Julie Wood as a custodian.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye	French	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye		

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Ron Mariani to resolve to purchase one 2018 Chevy Silverado pickup truck with a plow attachment from Frei Chevrolet and finance said purchase at the 1.5% interest rate from mBank as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye	French	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye		

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Ron Mariani to authorize compiling estimates for the 2018 Sinking Fund Projects as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye	French	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye		

Motion carried.

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The Board entered Closed Session at 7:28 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to reinstate the student in question per the administrations recommendation as presented, with a reenrollment date of January 4, 2018.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye	French	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye		

Motion carried.

The Board entered Closed Session at 7:43 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:01 p.m.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Randy Couveau to adopt the completed Superintendent Evaluation and authorizing the Board President to sign it.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson	aye	Champion	aye	Couveau	aye	French	aye
Grove	aye	Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye		

Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent: None

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by John Grove to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

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