

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, February 19, 2018**

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: Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, Brett French, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson

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 Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$704,029.93 for the period of January 15, 2018 through February 16, 2018; to approve the January payrolls in the amount of \$539,480.17 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,243,510.10; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,571,368.59 and total disbursements of \$1,013,361.60; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$230,804.29; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$195,916.55 of January 31, 2018. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the current Maintenance Custodian search, his continued work on Senate Bill 390, and stated that he would be recommending a contract extension for Compudyne as well as entering into a contract with Johnson Controls for the WHS building, similar to what is already in place at the Aspen Ridge building.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana congratulated the spelling bee winners from Aspen Ridge Elementary and also to all of the students who have art work on display at the Peter White Public Library this month. He also mentioned that as part of the U.P. Health Project Grant, all of the 5th graders are wearing Fitbits and are participating in a walking program. Next month will be busy as well with March is Reading Month activities throughout the month and Kindergarten registration.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Jon Beckman reported that the 6th and 7th graders recently went to the Al Quaal tube hill for their 2nd quarter reward outing. The 8th graders are scheduled to go next and the staff and students always enjoy this outing. In athletics, it was a wonderful weekend at the U.P. Finals for Swim & Dive. Westwood High School placed all six divers in fourth place or above. The regional wrestling team even was hosted at Westwood High School which was a nice event and although Westwood didn't qualify for state competition as a team, there are three individual wrestlers that have qualified for state competition at Ford Field. Basketball districts are coming up as those seasons wind down as well. Westwood will face Negaunee in both boys and girls basketball in the first round of district play.

Westwood High School Report

Dave Boase reported that the Financial Reality Fair that was hosted at Westwood High School last week was a huge success and saw 300 students from all across the county. TruNorth Credit Union sponsored the event. The sophomore class field trip to the Jacobetti complex at NMU has been postponed due to a water issue that closed the complex last week. High School Bowl is doing very well this year as well.

Special Education Report

Transportation Report

Mike Wommer reported that the new plow truck has been delivered and he received confirmation that the new buses will be delivered at the end of July.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement . No activity this month. NWEA MAP winter testing report out coming soon.

Finance and Ops . Budget amendment coming up in March as the Severance Tax payment becomes reality. A rough draft FYI tonight for the Board as a Whole.

Personnel . No activity this month. We will be ending our relationship with Mehl Lake Services and absorbing those services in-house with our own personnel.

Policy . Policy Update Volume 32 No. 1 and Tech Phase III proposed second reading and adoption consideration this month.

School Improvement . No activity this month.

Sinking Fund . 2018 Summer Projects schematics and drawings still being prepared for the March bidding process.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by John Grove to hire Tammy Hebert as an LRE Aide.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to accept Jacob Poyhonens letter of resignation.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Ron Mariani to accept Valerie Steedes letter of resignation.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to recognize the second reading of NEOLA Policy Update Volume 32 No. 1, and Tech Phase III as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to adopt NEOLA Policy Update Volume 32, No. 1, and Tech Phase III as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau to adopt the 2018-2019 School Year Calendar as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to authorize the superintendent to sign the MATMC agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Ron Mariani to authorize the superintendent to sign on the District's behalf to continue our service agreement with NWEA in order to continue administering the MAP test to our students.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried

Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson to resolve to participate in Schools of Choice as presented and authorize the Board Secretary to sign on behalf of the district.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to authorize the superintendent to extend the District's IT service agreement with Compudyne for one year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau to authorize the three-year maintenance service agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried

Community Comments: Rebecca Estelle, parent of students at Aspen Ridge School, thanked Mr. Beckman, Mr. Wommer and Chief Williams for helping her son with an issue he was having on the school bus.

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Randy Couveau thanked Bryan DeAugustine for his unending efforts with SB390 and Project Empire.

Wendy Pederson thanked the township officer Chief Williams for attending the meeting tonight and also for being present in the schools. She also commented on the recent school shootings around the nation and is wondering if there are still prayer groups active at school. Dave Boase confirmed that there is an active group at Westwood High School, and Chris Marana thought that there still was a group at Aspen Ridge Middle School. She also mentioned that she thinks it would be nice to have informational resource packets available for families for services that they may need to seek out.

Donna Champion said that she was sorry Kathleen Carlson wasn't present at the meeting as there have been so many great articles in the Mining Journal about the wrestling team. She said that the Carlsons are doing great things and they've come so far since breaking from the co-op program. She also mentioned that she was glad that our buildings were secure throughout the day.

Ron Mariani commented about the solid performance of all of the extracurricular activities which indicates a solid operation overall. He also asked Chief Williams about his thoughts on our district and the security measures taken. He thought that overall things were good but noted that he thought we could keep a better eye on side doors being propped open so that all visitors to the building have to check in at the main office.

Bryan DeAugustine stated that with the recent school shootings in mind, he has talked to the building secretaries about the comings and goings of people in and out of the school, wondering if there is anything that we can do differently and about how to continue to make sure that we are doing our best for our kids and staff.

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Brett French asked Chief Williams his thoughts on the risk of something happening in our community and are we doing everything that we can to be able to address the potential risk? He also stated that teachers are the first line to notice what kids might be struggling. He also mentioned the Cleveland Cliffs president announcing the consideration of reopening the Empire Mine. There is a lot of work being done by the Lake Superior Community Partnership showing community support of this.

Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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