

**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, July 16, 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, Brett French, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, Randy Couveau, John Grove

Administrators Present: Bryan DeAugustine

Administrators Absent: David Boase, Jon Beckman, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton, Michael Wommer

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Wendy Pederson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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 \$907,854.55 for the period of June 18, 2018 through July 13, 2018; to approve the June payrolls in the amount of \$601,132.73 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,508,987.28; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,049,092.81 and total disbursements of \$1,353,830.96; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$108,981.37; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$774,306.06 of June 30, 2018. Motion carried.

**Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items**

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that we are positioning ourselves well for potential partnerships with Northern Michigan University and local, regional, national and global businesses to take advantage of the Marshall Plan for Talent. He will update more as our opportunities crystallize. He also reported on the departmental meetings at the high school with ideas for incorporating more technical skills into core subjects. The grant that Nate Longton and Chris Marana were working on came through and they will be utilizing that \$65,000 from the West Marquette County Health Foundation with the other west-end school districts. They are also chasing another grant which will help to secure a shared behavioral analyst.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

No report

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

No report

Westwood High School Report

No report

Special Education Report

No report

Transportation Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that routes are getting finalized for the beginning of the school year and that the chief mechanic is tuning up the fleet and test running the buses to make sure they are ready.

**Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement . No activity this month. Awaiting State standardized test results.

Finance and Ops . The superintendent continues to work on our five-year projection. He is still approximately \$100,000 away from closing the gap for the eventual end of the Severance Tax payments (approximately \$575,000 through 2023).

Personnel . No activity this month.

Policy . Policy updates in the hands of the Policy Committee Members. A first reading will be coming up in August.

School Improvement . No activity this month.

Sinking Fund . 2018 Summer Projects well underway and moving along nicely.

**Business / Action Items**

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion** to hire Milton Braga as the Head Varsity Volleyball Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

Champion	aye	French	aye
Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Ron Mariani** to hire Becky Halamka as a guidance counselor.

Roll Call Vote:

Champion	aye	French	aye
Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Ron Mariani** to hire Chantel Heimerl as an elementary teacher.

Roll Call Vote:

Champion	aye	French	aye
Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Wendy Pederson** to hire Maria Hoffman as an English Teacher.

Roll Call Vote:

Champion	aye	French	aye
Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson** to hire Luke Rutter as a physical education and health teacher.

Roll Call Vote:

Champion	aye	French	aye
Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Wendy Pederson** to accept Courtney Saberniak's letter of resignation.  
Motion carried.

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion** to authorize the superintendent to renew the mutual aid agreement for temporary shelter with Bayside Village on behalf of the district.

Roll Call Vote:

Champion	aye	French	aye
Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Donna Champion** to authorize the superintendent to renew the NICE Start contract with Community Action Alger Marquette on behalf of the district.

Roll Call Vote:

Champion	aye	French	aye
Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion** to authorize the Board President to renew the School Plan Review and Inspection Authority with Marquette County on behalf of the district.

Roll Call Vote:

Champion	aye	French	aye
Mariani	aye	Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

**Community Comments:** None

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Wendy Pederson expressed her appreciation of all of the Westwood students in the Ishpeming 4<sup>th</sup> of July and thought that our school was represented well.

Ron Mariani also agreed that our school was represented well in the Ishpeming 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and that it was nice to see.

Bryan DeAugustine gave kudos to Sheri Hewitt for organizing the parade festivities as well as all of her volunteer efforts at the district throughout the years.

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Brett French had nothing additional to add, but did agree that the representation of our students was nice.

**Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Donna Champion** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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