

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, August 20, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Ron Mariani in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Brett French

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

Administrators Absent: David Boase, Jon Beckman

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 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 \$1,182,197.78 for the period of July 16, 2018 through August 17, 2018; to approve the July payrolls in the amount of \$442,749.79 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,624,947.57; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,540,250.02 and total disbursements of \$1,481,028.01; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$112,224.85; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$611,649.21 of July 31, 2018. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that our initiatives with IBM and NMU are moving along nicely, specifically the IBM Cybersecurity Range and the NMU Wildlife Study. He also reported that our student numbers are looking stable in the lower 1,200's.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

No report

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the middle school is going to begin a new initiative with working on core subjects in the morning enrichment class and not just reading as in the past. For athletics, the Fall Meet the Patriots was going on at the same time at the meeting and it should be a competitive season across the board for fall athletics.

Westwood High School Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that in addition to the Cybersecurity Range and NMU Study, there are some CTE items in the works as well. The NMU dual enrollment courses begin next week. The new guidance counselor, Becky Halamka, has been busy with student scheduling appointments.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that he and Chris Marana were presented with a check for \$65,000 for the grant that they have worked hard for and were awarded. He will be meeting with Dr. Darr this coming week to begin the process of getting the behavior analyst position going.

Transportation Report

Mike Wommer reported that routes are continually being revised but the master roster is basically done and will be posted later in the week. It will be updated and revised daily until school begins, with kids moving in or out of the district. The three new buses have arrived and have already been out on athletic trips. One of the new buses will be available at the open house. There are currently three open bus driver positions that need to be filled.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement . No activity this month; still awaiting State standardized test results.

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

Personnel . No activity this month.

Policy . A first reading tonight of policy update Volume 32 Number 2 and Technology Phase IV.

School Improvement . No activity this month.

Sinking Fund . 2018 Summer Projects are still very busy, but drawing to a close.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Kristine Buke as an SCI Aide.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Kathleen Carlson | aye | Donna Champion | aye | Randy Couveau | aye |
| John Grove | aye | Ron Mariani | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to accept, with thanks, Gary O'Brien's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to accept Brooke Ollanketo's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau to accept Rachel Pabian's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize Heidi Verville's request for maternity leave. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Laura Woolard as a music teacher.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Kathleen Carlson | aye | Donna Champion | aye | Randy Couveau | aye |
| John Grove | aye | Ron Mariani | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Kathleen Carlson to accept, with regret, Ashley Zambone's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Scott Mann as an Assistant Football Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Kathleen Carlson | aye | Donna Champion | aye | Randy Couveau | aye |
| John Grove | aye | Ron Mariani | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Noah Olgren as an Assistant Football Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Kathleen Carlson | aye | Donna Champion | aye | Randy Couveau | aye |
| John Grove | aye | Ron Mariani | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Randy Couveau to hire Jacob Wolf as an Assistant Football Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Kathleen Carlson | aye | Donna Champion | aye | Randy Couveau | aye |
| John Grove | aye | Ron Mariani | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |

Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to hire Bobby Zhulkie as an Assistant Football Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Kathleen Carlson | aye | Donna Champion | aye | Randy Couveau | aye |
| John Grove | aye | Ron Mariani | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Donna Champion to hire Connie Leach as our JV Volleyball Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Kathleen Carlson | aye | Donna Champion | aye | Randy Couveau | aye |
| John Grove | aye | Ron Mariani | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |

Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Mary Peterson as our 7th grade basketball coach.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Kathleen Carlson | aye | Donna Champion | aye | Randy Couveau | aye |
| John Grove | aye | Ron Mariani | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Randy Couveau to authorize the following volunteer coaches as presented.

- Mike Luke as a Volunteer Football Coach
- Brad Niemi as a Volunteer Football Coach
- Natalie Oates as a Volunteer Cheerleading Coach
- Miranda Roose as a Volunteer Dance Coach
- Tara Truscott as a Volunteer Dance Coach
- Kassy Carlson as a Volunteer Dance Coach
- Caitlin Hewitt as a Volunteer Dance Coach
- Josey Moyle as a Volunteer Dance Coach

Roll Call Vote:

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| Kathleen Carlson | aye | Donna Champion | aye | Randy Couveau | aye |
| John Grove | aye | Ron Mariani | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to accept Jilbert Dairy's bid for milk for the 2018/19 school year as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Kathleen Carlson | aye | Donna Champion | aye | Randy Couveau | aye |
| John Grove | aye | Ron Mariani | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Kathleen Carlson to accept Bimbo Bakeries's bid for baked goods for the 2018/19 school year as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Kathleen Carlson | aye | Donna Champion | aye | Randy Couveau | aye |
| John Grove | aye | Ron Mariani | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to set the first day of school for students for the 18/19 School Year as Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to set the school lunch price at \$3.00 per meal as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Donna Champion to recognize the first reading of NEOLA Policy Update Volume 32 Number 2 and Tech Phase IV. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to authorize paying substitute teachers \$75 per day and \$37.50 for half-days.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Kathleen Carlson | aye | Donna Champion | aye | Randy Couveau | aye |
| John Grove | aye | Ron Mariani | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau to authorize our superintendent to travel to Traverse City and back in September for the State Superintendent's Conference.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Kathleen Carlson | aye | Donna Champion | aye | Randy Couveau | aye |
| John Grove | aye | Ron Mariani | aye | Wendy Pederson | aye |

Motion carried.

Community Comments: Shelley Paavo addressed the board to ask them what she needs to do to be able to be allowed back on campus for various events.

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Randy Couveau thanked Bryan DeAugustine for his continued hard work on the 5 year financial plan.

Kathleen Carlson congratulated Chris Marana and Nathan Longton on receiving their grant.

Wendy Pederson thanked Bryan for the sports passes and stated that the campus looks great. She also told Mike to be creative with how he is going to get the open positions filled.

Donna Champion said that she was pleased with the outcome of the summer projects.

Bryan DeAugustine said that he was ready and excited for the start of school.

Ron Mariani thanked all of the volunteers. He also asked what happens if we have any more new hires before the next board meeting since school begins prior to that date. Bryan DeAugustine explained how that works.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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