

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, November 26, 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: Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, Brett French, John Grove, Ron Mariani

Members Absent: Wendy Pederson

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, David Boase, Jon Beckman, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton

Administrator's Absent: Michael Wommer

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 Randy Couveau to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,122,399.28 for the period of October 15, 2018 through November 23, 2018; to approve the October payrolls in the amount of \$566,815.72 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,689,215.00; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$978,325.21 and total disbursements of \$1,322,182.34; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$111,479.96; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,824.63 of October 31, 2018. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that he will be traveling to Lansing for one last effort on Senate Bill 390. Bob Nardi will be going along on the trip as well.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana reported that the Steelworkers Local 4950 gave a donation to Aspen Ridge Elementary. He also reported that Learning Lab has 40 students enrolled and the Morning Math intervention currently has 23 students utilizing those services. He also gave a special thanks to Christina King and Kristi Head for their role as coaches of the First Lego League and First Lego League Junior teams who recently participated in their first event.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Jon Beckman reported that the 1st quarter reward outing was held and participation was up for the event as failing grades and office visits are down so far this year. Parent-Teacher conferences were also moderately lower attended. In athletics, the fall season wrap up took place with all of the end of season banquets. All winter season sports are up and running with contests beginning this week. He received a lot of positive comments on the gym upgrades from the fans of the Division 4 (formerly Class D) Regional Volleyball fans who visited Westwood High School to watch their teams compete.

Westwood High School Report

Dave Boase reported that Newsies the musical was a huge success and was very well attended for all shows. NMU was recently here on campus to perform for our band students. High School Bowl versus Gwinn will air on Saturday, 12/8. Romeo & Juliet, band concerts, choral concerts, Elementary programs and sporting events will

keep the high school busy in the coming weeks. He also mentioned that the high school was the recipient of a grant from the Michigan State Police which will be used to upgrade the public address system.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that Becca Deverney is preparing for the annual Disabilities fair. The collaboration with NMU is up and running with the applied behavior analysis team with 5 current cases that the team is assisting with. He's hopeful for some positive outcomes for these students.

Transportation Report

Chris Marana reported for Michael Wommer that things are going pretty good in the transportation department. The winter athletic trips have started. The Ok to Say shirts have been distributed and he's currently working with Becky Halamka to provide an assembly on the Ok to Say campaign.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – Met just prior to this evening's board meeting.

Finance and Ops – No activity this month. Working on this year's first budget amendment as Severance becomes clearer – it's looking positive, student counts get finalized and billable programming populations get set. This will also impact our Five Year Projection – I'm still trying to close about a \$50,000 to \$60,000 gap in the final year.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month.

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Prepping for the 2019 project cycle. We will likely meet in December.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Randy Couveau to accept Joni Simonson's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Ron Mariani to hire Ashley Allen as a Middle School Cheerleading Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
Brett French	aye	John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Denise Platteborze as a High School Cheerleading Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
Brett French	aye	John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Ron Mariani to hire Luke Rutter as a 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach.

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Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
Brett French	aye	John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to consider going into closed session under 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of the Superintendent's annual evaluation.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
Brett French	aye	John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

The meeting entered **closed session** at 6:55 p.m.

The meeting returned to **open session** at 9:35 p.m.

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Randy Couveau to adopt the finalized version of Superintendent Bryan DeAugustine's 2018 evaluation and authorize President Brett French to present the findings and conduct follow up discussions with him.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
Brett French	aye	John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye

Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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