

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 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Brett French in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, Brett French, John Grove, Ron Mariani

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, Wendy Pederson

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton, Michael Wommer

Administrator's Absent: David Boase, Jon Beckman

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Ron Mariani 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 \$600,305.11 for the period of November 26, 2018 through December 14, 2018; to approve the November payrolls in the amount of \$576,708.62 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,177,013.73; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,226,484.28 and total disbursements of \$1,352,678.59; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$111,502.87; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,824.63 of November 30, 2018. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that there has been no news on Senate Bill 390. He also reported on his quick trip to Lansing and that we did not receive the Marshall Plan for Talent grant as hoped. Finally, he thanked Brett French for his 8 years of service on the Board of Education.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana reported that the Christmas programs went well and he thanked all who helped out and had a part in them running so smoothly. He also thanked the Ishpeming Elks Club for donating new dictionaries to all third graders. Coming up, the fourth graders will be singing Christmas carols at the Marquette County Medical Care Facility.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Jon Beckman that the middle school is very busy with holiday events. In athletics, all of the teams are having a lot of success.

Westwood High School Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Dave Boase that the recent production of Romeo and Juliet was very well attended and the kids did a fantastic job. All of the winter concerts were outstanding and well attended. In High School Bowl, the Patriots defeated Gwinn and will next compete against Houghton in January. Shortly after returning from break, exams will take place to wrap up the first semester.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that the semester progress reports are coming in from the behavior analyst program. Office referrals are down significantly and he's pretty impressed to have those results so fast with this new program.

Transportation Report

Mike Wommer reported that he is hoping to work with the Marquette County Sheriff's Department to get an officer on the bus on two of the problematic bus runs where cars are repeatedly running the flashing red lights. He also said that bus driver continuing education is coming up soon.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – No new activity this month

Finance and Ops – No new activity this month

Personnel – No new activity this month

Policy – No new activity this month

School Improvement – No new activity this month

Sinking Fund – No new activity this month

Business / Action Items

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau to authorize Ashley Allen's maternity leave request. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to hire Miranda Roose and Anthony Webb to split the single Assistant Forensics Coach position.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Ron Mariani supported by Donna Champion to authorize Janine Jurasin's maternity leave request. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to hire Betty Mongiat as a part-time bus driver.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to hire Neil Oysti as a part-time bus driver.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to hire Holly Roth as an LRE Aide.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Randy Couveau thanked Bryan DeAugustine for his efforts on the cyber security plan and SB 390. He also mentioned to Mr. Marana that he has been in attendance in the past at the Marquette County Medical Care Facility when students have taken their Christmas field trip there and hopes that continues. Finally, he reminded the board that he will be out of town for work for most of the month of January and he also thanked Brett French for his years of service on the board.

John Grove thanked Brett French for his service on the board and said that he learned a lot from him. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Donna Champion thanked Brett French and stated how much she appreciated all of his efforts. She also commented on the gym renovation again and that the new bleachers are super.

Ron Mariani extended his sincere appreciation to Brett French noting that he has learned a lot from him as well, appreciates his leadership and wishes him all the best.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked Brett French for his service to the district and reminded everyone to stay and enjoy a cupcake. He also stated that even though we didn't get the results we had hoped with the grants, that he was happy to do the work.

Brett French reflected back on the last 8 years and stated that it was a truly amazing experience. He thinks the district is in a strong position today and he's thankful to have been a part of it. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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