

**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, January 21, 2019**

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

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

Members Absent: None

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, David Boase, Jon Beckman, Nathan Longton, Michael Wommer

Administrator's Absent: Chris Marana

**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 \$822,434.77 for the period of December 17, 2018 through January 18, 2019; to approve the December payrolls in the amount of \$611,725.82 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,434,160.59; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,009,273.92 and total disbursements of \$1,120,173.94; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$145,035.06; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$60,179.91 of December 31, 2018. Motion carried.

### **Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items**

#### Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine stated that he had nothing new to report since the Organizational Meeting and a Special Board meeting took place last week.

#### Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Nathan Longton reported for Chris Marana that the winter testing cycle for NWEA MAP testing began. There is a teacher aide training coming up with MARESA staff. Also coming up is the Family Tubing Night at Al Quaal on 2/7, and Kindergarten Registration.

#### Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Jon Beckman reported that the middle school begin the winter testing cycle for NWEA MAP as well. He said the first semester was great and failing grades and office visits were significantly down. The middle school reward outing for the second quarter will also be held at the Al Quaal tube slide. In athletics, all teams are seeing a lot of success and he couldn't ask for a better start to a winter sports season.

#### Westwood High School Report

Dave Boase reported that some of the WHS band members participated in the Honors Band in Niagara, Wisconsin. BPA competed well at regionals and will send 31 students to state competition in Grand Rapids in March. High School bowl competed against Houghton and that will air later in the month. He also reported that the sophomore class will attend a career day at the Jacobetti center at NMU and there is also an upcoming financial aid workshop.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported on the disability fair, held by Becca Deverney last week. He extended a big thanks to Ms. Deverney and all of the others who came out to help our students better understand some of the obstacles some of our students work daily to overcome.

Transportation Report

Mike Wommer talked about the bus replacement schedule and provided information to the board regarding that.

**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:** None

**Community Comments:** Steve Laiho, parent of a seventh grade student who presented on the bike trail project, commented on the good work by the seventh graders.

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Randy Couveau thanked Mr. Corcoran and the seventh graders that came to present on the bike trail. He thought the proposal was excellent and well thought out. He also welcomed Steve Baril and thanked him for volunteering for his community and school service.

Donna Champion agreed with Randy Couveau's well-stated comments. She also shared that she was very impressed with the information that the seventh grade students shared.

Kathleen Carlson also agreed and congratulated the students and Mr. Corcoran.

Steve Baril thanked everyone for being so welcoming. He also stated that he thought the kids did a great job presenting.

Bryan DeAugustine complimented the seventh grade presenters and Mr. Corcoran for their presentation.

Ron Mariani complimented Mr. Corcoran on his leadership to get these students to show such interest and excitement for this project.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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