

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, April 15, 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, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton, Michael Wommer

Administrator's Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to approve the agenda as amended, moving the Community Comments from the end of the meeting to the beginning. Motion carried.

Community Comments: Kurt Corcoran, Sandy Maki and Irv Dieterle all spoke to the board in support of attempting another potential bond referendum for a new gymnasium and locker room facility.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$852,035.81 for the period of March 18, 2019 through April 12, 2019; to approve the March payrolls in the amount of \$583,723.33 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,435,759.14; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,775,381.66 and total disbursements of \$1,158,978.59; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$576,459.47; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$741,630.90 of March 31, 2019. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported on his recent trip to Lansing with the Marquette County Ambassadors, and his participation in the NMU mock interviews.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana reported that 5th graders began taking the MStep test. Kindergarten screening was held for the 2019-2020 school year with 85 new students registered for Kindergarten or Young Fives for next year. He also reported that Volunteer Appreciation was coming up in the Family Resource Room.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Jon Beckman reported that the middle school students went bowling for their 3rd quarter reward outing. 8th graders took the PSAT with the help of Mr. Boase and Mrs. Halamka and the 8th graders also begin MStep testing soon. In athletics, some individual athletes were awarded with post-season accolades and the Wrestling Team also was honored as first team, academic all-state. They were the only U.P. wrestling team with this honor. Spring sports are up and running and the coaches are working hard to secure venues for competition due to the weather. Meet the Patriots for spring sports will be Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Westwood High School will be hosting many

events for spring sports including MPC and UP Boys' Tennis competition, MPC Golf, District Softball, and MPC Track.

Westwood High School Report

Dave Boase reported that a lot of testing took place last week with the PSAT, SAT, ACT WorkKeys, and MStep. Scheduling has begun for next school year with students signing up for classes. He talked about the partnerships we currently have in place with area businesses and also a potential power sports class offering. Many events are coming up on the schedule including a VIM concert, Excellence in Education, Forensics, Collage Concert, Senior Honors and Awards, National Honor Society Induction and Spring Fling.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that Preschool screening will be held on Thursday, May 2. He also stated that testing was wrapping up for those students who take accommodated versions of state tests and details are being finalized for summer programs.

Transportation Report

Mike Wommer reported that the used bus that was ordered has been delivered and he has also set up delivery for the two new buses for the 2019-2020 school year to arrive in August. He is also beginning work on bus route work for next school year.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – No activity this month

Finance and Ops – No activity this month

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – A policy update will be proposed for this month.

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Discussion and potential action on bids tonight

Business / Action Items:

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to accept Holly Roth's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to hire Rachel Scott as an LRE Aide.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	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 the superintendent to sign, on behalf of the district, the ESS Midwest, Inc. contract as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	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 resolve to appoint Ronald Mariani as the designated representative of this District for the electoral body of the MARESA biennial election to be held June 3, 2019 and Donna Champion as an alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	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 John Grove to recognize the second reading of the NEOLA Policy Volume 33 No. 1, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Donna Champion to adopt NEOLA Policy Volume 33 No. 1, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Randy Couveau to accept the most responsive and responsible bid submitted by Closner Construction as presented and authorize this year's Sinking Fund projects.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	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 John Grove to authorize the superintendent to establish an end of the year school calendar that coincides with this year's snow day legislation. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to consider Closed Session under Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of negotiations. Motion carried.

The meeting entered Closed Session at 7:47 p.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:31 p.m.

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Steve Baril commented he would appreciate receiving more background information regarding the Distinguished Service Award nominations.

Kathleen Carlson stated how proud she was of the wrestling team being the only school in the U.P. to be the recipient of the academic achievement award along with their wrestling accomplishment. She also wished to thank the people for all their support during her father's recent passing and funeral.

Randy Couveau stated how pleased he is that our athletes are also spending worthwhile time achieving academic recognition.

Bryan DeAugustine commented he is proud that several people are deserving of receiving the Distinguished Service Award this year.

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Wendy Pederson mentioned she would have appreciated if the Board had received more documentary information concerning the reasons for the continued interest in the additional building.

Ron Mariani stated we have an amazing group of young students who are using their time wisely correlating their academic achievements with their athletic achievements.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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