

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, March 18, 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, Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson

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

Administrator's Absent: David Boase, Jon Beckman (both excused)

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Wendy Pederson 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 \$674,207.73 for the period of February 18, 2019 through March 15, 2019; to approve the February payrolls in the amount of \$561,856.49 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,236,064.22; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$2,464,922.73 and total disbursements of \$1,064,822.92; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$320,704.99; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$365,538.46 of February 28, 2019. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported he has been invited to Lansing to provide testimony related to HB 4227 regarding sustainable mining in Michigan. He was also invited to travel to Lansing in April as part of the Marquette County Ambassadors group. Finally, he shared the thank you to NICE from Negaunee Public Schools for our role in helping them after their bus garage roof collapsed. He stated that Mike Wommer has done a fantastic job coordinating efforts and opening up our bus garage to the Negaunee staff.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana reported that Kindergarten registration was held for the upcoming 2019-2020 academic year with 65 newly enrolled students so far. The end of the month wraps up March is Reading Month with spring carnival this Friday. After break, 5th graders will begin the MStep testing.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Jon Beckman that the latest NWEA MAP results are in, and that the middle school is considering extending the third marking period due to all of the snow days. In athletics, the winter seasons were very successful and the Girls' Basketball Team has made it to the Quarterfinal game downstate.

Westwood High School Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Dave Boase that the high school roof has been shoveled off in areas where the snow was piling up. The music and drama departments have had excellent scores at their respective events and the students have started enrolling in classes for next year. The third marking period will be extended at the high school due to all of the snow days. He also reported that there were three-way ties for both Valedictorian and

Salutatorian this year with three students having a perfect 4.00 GPA and three students earning a 3.963 GPA for top academic honors.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that another paraprofessional training was held by MARESA staff and was very successful. There will be another one held in April.

Transportation Report

Mike Wommer reported that it has been an interesting winter and a long two months of early morning weather checks. It has been very busy with Negaunee staff as well.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – Growth and Achievement were reviewed last week. We will give an update tonight.

Finance and Ops – We will recommend a budget amendment for consideration tonight.

Personnel – No activity this month.

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

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Bids for the upcoming cycle are being prepared in accordance with last month’s board action.

Business / Action Items:

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Rebecca Estelle as an LRE Aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to accept the letter of resignation from Marshall Harris. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to appoint Jared Koski as the Head Softball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau to extend Chris Marana’s contract as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	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 Jennifer Mathias-Hodgins as an SCI Summer School Aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Heather DeAugustine to teach the SCI Summer Program for the summer of 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to amend the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	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 authorize the list of graduates as presented pending the individual fulfillment of the District's graduation requirements. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to authorize Friday, May 3, as a half-day for students to accommodate a teacher in-service in the afternoon. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Wendy Pederson to resolve to purchase one (1) school bus and related equipment in an amount not to exceed \$62,345.00, and to enter into an installment purchase agreement to finance the purchase of the bus.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Donna Champion	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Donna Champion to authorize the superintendent and the transportation director, on behalf of the district, to liquidate bus 9B to the highest bidder. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to recognize the first reading of the NEOLA Policy Volume 33, Number 1, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to authorize the superintendent to travel to Lansing and back as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to consider Closed Session under Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of a strategy session for negotiations for the NTA and AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreements. Motion carried.

The meeting entered Closed Session at 7:55 p.m.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:00 p.m.

Community Comments: None

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Randy Couveau thanked Ron Mariani for attending the meeting with Cliffs on the District's behalf. He also thanked Bryan DeAugustine for all of his efforts in traveling to Lansing.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked the Board for the recent vacation days.

Ron Mariani commended the work and effort by all students involved in all extracurricular activities. He also thanked Bryan for all of the legwork he does with his Lansing travels.

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Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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