

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, May 20, 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

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as amended, adding a discussion item under Committee Reports. 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 \$918,261.62 for the period of April 15, 2019 through May 17, 2019; to approve the April payrolls in the amount of \$546,732.91 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,464,994.53; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,266,933.82 and total disbursements of \$1,206,847.06; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$91,296.71; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$749,011.05 of April 30, 2019. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that all of his items would be discussed throughout the meeting.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana reported that the 20th Annual Family Night will be held this week at Aspen Ridge. The annual ACES walk was held last week and 200+ students recently had artwork on display at NMU.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Jon Beckman that the middle school was wrapping up testing and spring activities. In Athletics, he spoke of some repair that needs to be done on the track before next season.

Westwood High School Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported for Dave Boase on the recent success of the Forensics team at the state level. He also talked about the Peer to Prom, Collage Concert and the upcoming graduation ceremony.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that many of the eleventh graders who receive special education services recently took part in a MARESA field trip to NMU's Jacobetti complex to explore some career options. Preschool screening was held on May 2 with 28 being screened and 12 of those coming back for further testing.

Transportation Report

Mike Wommer reported that he is looking forward to wrapping up the year after a busy spring sports season of many athletic contests and field trips.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – Growth and Achievement will be reviewed upon completion of the year's final testing cycle.

Finance and Ops – We met tonight to discuss staffing needs.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month.

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month.

Business / Action Items:

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to accept Rebecca Estelle's letter of resignation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to appoint Miranda Roose as a Volunteer Dance Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to hire Lynnette Ewbank as a special education teacher.

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 Wendy Pederson to resolve to solicit bus financing bids as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to deny approval of MARESA's 2019-2020 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 resolve to designate Ron Mariani as our MARESA election representative and Donna Champion as our alternate representative 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 resolve to cast one vote each for Julie Shaw and Lowell Larson, Jr. in MARESA's upcoming election 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.

Community Comments: None

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

John Grove congratulated Mr. Dennis Tasson for receiving the Board Distinguished Service Award.

Wendy Pederson commented on the students in the audience in attendance for Government class.

Randy Couveau thanked Steve Baril, John Grove and Ron Mariani for taking over his committee assignments during his upcoming absence.

Donna Champion commented how great it was to hear of the success of the BPA, Music and Forensics students at the state and national levels.

Bryan DeAugustine addressed the students in the audience and hoped that they noticed the recognition that Mr. Tasson received.

Ron Mariani congratulated Mr. Tasson on his Board Distinguished Service Award. He also stated that he attended a public meeting on the Lundin mining operations and they are still holding to their closure date of 2023 which relates to our severance tax revenue. He said that the meeting provided some good information.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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