

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, June 17, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:40 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Randy Couveau

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Jon Beckman

Administrator's Absent: David Boase, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton, Michael Wommer

Public Comment (regarding agenda): Emily Meier introduced herself to the board. She is the recommended applicant for the Guidance Counselor vacancy at Aspen Ridge School that the board will consider later in the meeting.

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 Wendy Pederson to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$685,621.54 for the period of May 20, 2019 through June 14, 2019; to approve the May payrolls in the amount of \$596,285.38 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,281,906.92; to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$983,353.58 and total disbursements of \$1,255,542.53; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of \$93,030.24; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$733,809.42 of May 31, 2019. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that we were successful in our \$2.466 Million Cybersecurity Grant and that the rest of his items would be discussed throughout the meeting.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the year wrapped up nicely and talked about the academic growth from the NWEA MAP scores.

Aspen Ridge Middle School/Athletics Report

Jon Beckman reported that the year ended on a high note and that the kids handled the extra days well. Athletics saw success in softball, tennis and track.

Westwood High School Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the busy end of the year at the high school went well and that it's always a fun time of year. It was a smooth wrap-up.

Special Education Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the academic growth from the Special Education department.

Transportation Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that the end of the year went well and that the current bus fleet has 1,496,000 total miles on it. He also reported that during the 2018-2019 school year, the total miles driven were 179,128 miles.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – Growth was reviewed earlier this evening.

Finance and Ops – The Budget Hearing was held earlier this evening.

Personnel – We met prior to this evening’s meeting to discuss a contract extension and salary for the superintendent.

Policy – No activity this month.

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – 2019 Projects are underway.

Business / Action Items:

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to authorize pay increases for our Administrative Assistants as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to accept Cara Anderson’s maternity leave request. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to accept Denise Bannan’s letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson to accept Julie Luehmann’s letter of retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to hire Brienne LaVigne as an LRE Aide.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Emily Meier as a counselor.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Jessica Scherer as an LRE Aide.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Annie Skewis as an Assistant Girls Basketball Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to accept Lindsey Stangenwald's letter of resignation.
Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to hire Scott Syrjala as our Head Boys Basketball Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to accept Jill Zueger's letter of retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to authorize Anderson Tackman as our auditing firm as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Wendy Pederson to adopt the General Fund Final Budget for 2018-2019 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Baril supported by Wendy Pederson to adopt the General Fund Original Budget for 2019-2020 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Steve Baril to adopt the Cafeteria Fund Final Budget for 2018-2019 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to adopt the Cafeteria Fund Original Budget for 2019-2020 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to adopt the Debt Retirement Final Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to adopt the Sinking Fund Final Budget for 2018-2019 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to adopt the Sinking Fund Original Budget for 2019-2020 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to resolve to transfer the District's Debt Retirement Fund to the District's General Fund as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson to authorize participating in INN for the 2019-2020 School Year.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to authorize the three-year Aspen Ridge Service Agreement with Johnson Controls as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to authorize utilizing MARESA's Special Education services for the 2019-2020 School Year as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to resolve to authorize issuance of notes through the Michigan Finance Authority as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to renew our district's contract with Superior Rehabilitation as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Wendy Carlson to accept the offer for the Construction Trades House as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to authorize utilizing the State of Michigan insurance hard cap for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Community Comments: Scott Syrjala spoke to the board about the condition of the track.

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Kathleen Carlson congratulated Melissa Maki at Bryan DeAugustine on the budget work.

Donna Champion also congratulated Bryan DeAugustine and staff on the job well done managing the district's finances.

Wendy Pederson welcomed all new staff to the district.

Bryan DeAugustine stated that the district makes a huge commitment to athletics and that over a quarter of a million dollars goes out for athletics each year. We do have a plan and will do our best with upkeep of our facilities.

Ron Mariani offered thanks for the revised committee assignment listing and also thanked everyone for the long hours of meetings covering a lot of subjects.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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