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, August 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Donna Champion, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Steven Baril, Kathleen Carlson, Randy Couveau

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

Administrator's Absent: David Boase, Jon Beckman, Michael Wommer

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of $1,761,418.27 for the period of July 15, 2019 through August 16, 2019; to approve the July payrolls in the amount of $455,610.33 for total disbursements in the amount of $2,217,028.60 to approve the Treasurer’s Report of the General Fund with total receipts of $1,569,196.55 and total disbursements of $1,425,411.62; to approve the Debt Retirement balance in the amount of $0.00; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of $376,494.83 of July 31, 2019. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent’s Report
Bryan DeAugustine mentioned the lunch event with Governor Whitmer recently. He also talked about his upcoming travel for the annual Superintendent’s Conference in Traverse City and the Marquette County Ambassadors fall trip to Lansing.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report
Chris Marana reported on the current numbers for the Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. He also talked about a successful summer school program that just finished. He thanked Mrs. Jennifer Young for her work on securing grant funding for the water bottle filling stations and he also thanked Keith Laurila for his time donated to some work on the playground.

Middle School / High School / Athletics Report
Bryan DeAugustine reported that Mr. Beckman and Mr. Boase are both at the Meet the Patriots for fall sports event taking place in the football stadium. He stated that the fall sport seasons were up and running with first contests coming up this week.

Special Education Report
Nathan Longton reported on the west end preschool screening event that recently took place at Lakeview School in Negaunee which resulted in a couple more potential ECSE students with appointments for further evaluation. He also stated that he’ll be holding some interviews for some open teacher aide positions.

Transportation Report
Bryan DeAugustine reported that things are looking good and there is a bus driver hire recommendation tonight.
Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – No activity this month.

Finance and Ops – No activity this month.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – First Reading NEOLA Policy Update Volume 33 No. 2

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Meeting this evening to prepare for the Summer 2020 project cycle.

Business / Action Items:

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to accept Randy Annala’s letter of retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Mike Frustaglio as a part-time bus driver. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Donna Champion to accept Kim Jestila’s letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to accept Angela Perrow’s letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to accept Melissa Tobias’ letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to accept Julie Wood’s letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson to hire Sarah Massie as our Head Varsity Girls Tennis Coach.

Roll Call Vote:
Donna Champion aye  John Grove aye  Ron Mariani aye
Wendy Pederson aye
Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to hire Tamara Johnson as an Assistant Volleyball Coach.

Roll Call Vote:
Donna Champion aye  John Grove aye  Ron Mariani aye
Wendy Pederson aye
Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Donna Champion to hire Brad Wiljanen as an Assistant Football Coach.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion by John Grove supported by Donna Champion to hire Dominic Suardini as an Assistant Football Coach.

Roll Call Vote:
Donna Champion aye  John Grove  aye  Ron Mariani  aye
Wendy Pederson aye

Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Donna Champion to authorize the Annual Delegation of School Plan Review and Inspection Authority as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to accept Jilbert Dairy's bid for our dairy products as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to accept Bimbo Bakery's bid for our baked good products as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to authorize our district's course offerings. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to set the first day of school for students for the 2019-2020 school year as Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson to resolve to accept the Installment Purchase Agreement from Range Bank at the rate of 2.47% as presented.

Roll Call Vote:
Donna Champion aye  John Grove  aye  Ron Mariani  aye
Wendy Pederson aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Donna Champion to authorize the enrollment of exchange student Carlota Arroyo. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson to resolve to participate in the MHSAA for the 2019-2020 School Year. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to recognize the first reading of Policy Update No. 33 Volume 2 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson to authorize raising the paid lunch price by 10 cents and the paid breakfast price also by 10 cents as presented.

Roll Call Vote:
Donna Champion aye  John Grove  aye  Ron Mariani  aye
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Wendy Pederson aye  
Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson** to resolve to accept the service agreement with the Marquette County Health Department as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Donna Champion aye  John Grove aye  Ron Mariani aye  Wendy Pederson aye  
Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to authorize the superintendent’s September and October travel requests as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Donna Champion aye  John Grove aye  Ron Mariani aye  Wendy Pederson aye  
Motion carried.

**Community Comments:** None

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Wendy Pederson mentioned noticing fruit flies in the media center during the meeting. She also stated that on September 3 there would be a public hearing at the Ishpeming Township Hall regarding the proposed business for the old Cenex gas station building and encouraged people to attend.

Donna Champion stated that she was very pleased with all of the positive things going on in the district.

Ron Mariani invited the board over to the Aspen Ridge School at the conclusion of the meeting for a walk-through to see the updates made over the summer. He also wished everyone undertaking a career change all the best and is very appreciative of the resignation letters written with positive comments. Finally, he mentioned that the new township police officer is now on duty.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Board President: ___________________________  Board Secretary: ___________________________