

**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, September 16, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:36 p.m.

Members Present: Steve Baril, Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, John Grove, Ron Mariani

Members Absent: Randy Couveau, Wendy Pederson

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

Administrator's Absent: Jon Beckman, Michael Wommer

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

### 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 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 \$764,133.82 for the period of August 19, 2019 through September 13, 2019; to approve the August payrolls in the amount of \$684,997.41 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,449,131.23 to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$6,357,003.23 and total disbursements of \$4,255,044.16; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$2,449.33 of August 31, 2019. Motion carried.

### Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

#### Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported briefly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade standardized test scores, the state budget, and a reminder that he'll be attending the State Superintendent's conference in Traverse City later in the week.

#### Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana reported that the school year is off to a good start so far. He also congratulated the students and staff on their hard work regarding the standardized testing results.

#### Middle School / Athletics Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that Mr. Beckman was announcing a home volleyball contest. The middle school is off to a good start and athletics are right in the heart of the fall season.

#### High School Report

David Boase reported on some events that the students and staff were looking forward to including homecoming, Marquette County Pops Concert, music trip to see Hamilton in Appleton, WI, Band Day at NMU, Young Americans, and more. There are currently 44 students taking NMU courses this semester, 12 in Cyber Security, 10 in Computer Science, and 6 with internships so far.

#### Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported on all of the staffing changes to begin this school year in the Special Education department.

#### Transportation Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that it was a relatively smooth start to the school year. He wanted to give kudos to Neil Oysti for helping out the Transportation Department in the interim.

**Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement – MSTEP and SAT scores were reviewed tonight. We will give an update.

Finance and Ops – No activity this month.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – We will have a second reading and adoption tonight.

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – We will have a recommendation tonight.

**Business / Action Items:**

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson** to accept Rebecca Anderson’s letter of resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to accept Brenda Martin’s resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Kathleen Carlson** to accept Heather Oysti’s letter of resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion** to accept Eric Warlin’s letter of resignation from his position of general laborer/assistant groundskeeper. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to hire Julie Wood as a custodian.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to hire William Bailey as an aide.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to hire Katie Kasbohm as an aide.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Donna Champion** to hire Nicole Killoran as an aide.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to hire Kristin Marana as a teacher.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Kathleen Carlson** to hire Jenna Peters as an aide.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion** to hire Angela Vidlund as a server.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to accept Mike Wommer's resignation as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to authorize the enrollment of exchange student Yusang Jeon.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to set the General Fund Operating Millage at 18 Mills. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Donna Champion** to set the Sinking Fund Millage at 1.7415 Mills. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to recognize the second reading of NEOLA Policy Update 33 No. 2 as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to adopt NEOLA Policy Update 33 No. 2 as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to authorize the 2020 Sinking Fund Projects as presented and authorize soliciting bids for financing as these projects are developed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion** to move our November Meeting to Monday, November 25, 2019 at the normally scheduled time. Motion carried.

**Community Comments:** Kris Sibley commented that our school buildings are in such beautiful shape and that she is proud to be a long time volunteer for the district.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to enter Closed Session under Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to Discuss the Superintendent's upcoming evaluation. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with a five minute recess at 7:25 p.m. and entered closed session at 7:31 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:42 p.m.

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Kathleen Carlson expressed thanks to Mrs. Halamka for successfully organizing a college application party.

Ron Mariani thanked Ishpeming Township's police officer, Mike Kohler, for being present at various Aspen Ridge and Westwood events so far this school year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

**Board President:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Board Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_