

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, October 21, 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: Steve Baril, Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Randy Couveau

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

Administrator's Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson 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 \$966,303.28 for the period of September 16, 2019 through October 18, 2019; to approve the September payrolls in the amount of \$588,472.40 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,554,775.68 to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$304,431.19 and total disbursements of \$1,307,238.74; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$5,304.83 of September 30, 2019. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that as a reminder he will be gone to Lansing this week. He also reported that the principal search is going well and so is the search for the transportation, facilities and grounds position. Finally, he mentioned a Cyber Security event at NMU that is going to be held in November with kids from all around the UP.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana reported that it's hard to believe the first marking period is almost done but that things are going well. He mentioned the fire prevention and bus safety activities and thanked all involved in helping. He also stated that after school learning lab and power hour math interventions are starting. Finally, the annual Halloween costume parade is set for 11:00 a.m. on 10/31/19.

Middle School / Athletics Report

Jon Beckman reported that the first marking period has been a good start to the year. The middle school students participated in an Okay to Say presentation recently which was well received. Clear Lake saw two groups this year because of the size of the 7th grade class. He thanked Mr. Tasson for spearheading the operation again. He is glad to see this trip continue each year. In athletics, WHS continues to be a showcase for hosting events. A West Pac volleyball tournament was held over the weekend and a lot of positive feedback about our school was heard. Volleyball district and regional tournaments will also be hosted at WHS. Girls tennis had a very successful season capturing both an MPC and UP championship. In his research, they have won 13 out of the last 15 years. Football is in the playoffs again for the third year in a row. The middle school girls are hosting their end of season tournament and cross country saw some success on the girls side this season.

High School Report

David Boase reported that homecoming was a success with all that was included such as powder puff, the assembly, the distinguished retiree, staff and alumni and a very well-attended dance. It's important to alumni to see the celebration. The Junior class took the PSAT last week. Those results don't take as long as the SAT results, so they'll see those fairly soon. The Marquette County Pops concert was held recently, Band Day at NMU took place last weekend and the Young Americans will perform Tuesday night and a high school musical will take place in November.

Special Education Report

Nathan Longton reported that the MARESA autism consultant will be providing a training to our staff as part of the professional development offered on 10/31. The applied behavior analysis group from NMU has doubled in size this year and they are also expanding into working in classrooms in both Ishpeming and Negaunee schools as well.

Transportation Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported that things are going smoothly in the transportation department and another big thanks to Mr. Oysti for stepping in in the interim.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – Superintendent's Evaluation tonight will include a discussion about academic achievement.

Finance and Ops – Anderson Tackman audit presentation tonight.

Personnel – Superintendent's Evaluation tonight.

Policy – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Schematics and bid advertising are in the works for our Summer 2020 Projects (WHS Locker Rooms and Band Room).

Business / Action Items:

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to accept Dave Boase's letter of retirement.

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 Kathleen Carlson to hire Cheryl LeRoy as an aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to accept Jay LeRoy's letter of retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to accept Vickie Voegtline's letter of retirement. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to accept this year's financial audit as presented by Anderson Tackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize our district's virtual (online) course offerings. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to authorize our Emergency Response Plan as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to authorize Lucas Frota's enrollment at WHS. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to authorize our Spanish Club to explore traveling to Spain in June of 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to authorize the purchase of a new Chromebook Cart 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.

Community Comments: Kris Sibley commented on much of the recent success our students have been having.

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 evaluation. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned with a brief recess at 7:48 p.m. and entered closed session at 7:52 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:34 p.m.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson that Bryan DeAugustine receive the rating of Highly Effective for the 2019 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.

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Wendy Pederson stated that the list of Superintendent Goals could be written up at the next Personnel Committee Meeting.

Bryan DeAugustine stated how impressed he was at the efficiency revealed at both the regular board meeting and the closed session of tonight's meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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