

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, March 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani in the Media Center of Westwood High School at 6:34 p.m.

Members Present: Kathleen Carlson, Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Steve Baril

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, PJ O'Brien

Administrator's Absent: Jon Beckman, Cliff Fossitt, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$674,200.03 for the period of February 17, 2020 through March 13, 2020; to approve the February payrolls in the amount of \$599,557.20 for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,273,757.23 to approve the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,810,919.94 and total disbursements of \$1,131,090.34; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$326,022.69 of February 29, 2020. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the current school shutdown and what our current plans are. He also stated that he has been talking with other area superintendents about this.

Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Middle School / Athletics Report

High School Report

Special Education Report

Transportation/Grounds/Facilities Report

PJ O'Brien reported that the custodial staff has disinfected the buses and the classroom desks and hard surface areas with a hospital grade disinfectant. He also said that this is a good time to do any maintenance, though getting replacement parts has been a bit of a challenge.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – There is a handout on your table.

Finance and Ops – Handouts are on your table.

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Personnel – Contained in tonight’s action items.

Policy – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Contained in tonight’s action items.

Regional Leadership Improvement – President Mariani and I attended MARESA's March Board Meeting and I mailed out the letter I copied you on electronically.

Business / Action Items:

Motion by Donna Champion supported by Randy Couveau to accept Heidi DeLongchamp's letter of retirement.
Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to authorize the superintendent's contract extension as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to set the calendar for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Donna Champion to amend the General Fund Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to resolve to create appropriations for our Scholarship Funds.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	aye	Donna Champion	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Ron Mariani	aye	Wendy Pederson	aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Donna Champion to resolve to create appropriations for our School Activity Funds.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	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 accept Closner Construction's bid for our 2020 Sinking Fund Projects as presented in the amount of \$2,439,900.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Kathleen Carlson	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:

Donna Champion is proud of the excellent leadership at NICE.

Randy Couveau thanked Mr. DeAugustine for his continued commitment to the NICE district. He thanked Mr. O'Brien for the work to get things disinfected and for acquiring grants to fund some projects. He also thanked both Mr. DeAugustine and Mr. Mariani for continuing to try to reach out to MARESA with concerns.

Wendy Pederson thanked Mr. DeAugustine for simplifying all of the budget documents. She also thanked him for wanting to extend his contract with NICE. She appreciates all of the communication with the board as well.

Bryan DeAugustine spoke about the tag line "Strength, Integrity, Excellence" and what that especially means looking ahead in these uncertain times.

Ron Mariani mentioned that the county will be fixing Westwood Drive from US Highway 41 to Southwood Drive. He also talked about the concerns he has with MARESA leadership.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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