

**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, July 20, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Steve Baril, Donna Champion, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Jon Beckman, Cliff Fossitt, PJ O'Brien

Administrator's Absent: Chris Marana, Nathan Longton

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### Consent Agenda

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,732,995.29 for the period of June 15, 2020 through July 17, 2020; to approve the June payrolls in the amount of \$613,046.87; for total disbursements in the amount of \$2,346,042.16; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,067,938.29 and total disbursements of \$1,188,967.11; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$489,672.67 for May 31, 2020. Motion carried.

### Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

#### Superintendent's Report

Bryan DeAugustine presented updates regarding our potential August Academic Program and next fall's start in September. He also stated that the majority of his report will be contained in tonight's action items.

#### Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana stated that we are making sure we are staffed properly. He also stated that anyone with health problems is encouraged to remain at home.

#### Middle School / Athletics Report

Jon Beckman stated that Athletics are going forward at this time. He said that things need to be worked out to get a unified message and right now there is a problem with many unanswered questions.

#### High School Report

Cliff Fossitt echoed the sentiments of both Mr. Marana and Mr. Beckman. Things are still in the planning stages.

#### Special Education Report

Nathan Longton stated that the Special Education department is making sure that special needs kids difficulties are addressed and planned for.

#### Transportation/Grounds/Facilities Report

PJ O'Brien stated that flooring delivery was delayed so it is pushing back the completion of the projects by 2 weeks. He has also been working on securing consumable supplies.

### **Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement – No activity this month. I will give a quick update regarding NWEA Testing.

Finance and Ops – No activity this month. I will have given a quick update regarding state and federal legislation regarding school finance during my superintendent's report.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month.

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month. Projects are progressing nicely with the exception of a glitch with the track that is being addressed.

### **Business / Action Items:**

**Motion by John Grove supported by Randy Couveau** to accept Becky Anderson's retirement letter. Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson** to authorize Lindsey Dionne's maternity leave letter. Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to authorize Janine Jurasin's maternity leave letter. Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Steve Baril** to authorize Lydia Tiseo's maternity leave letter. Motion carried.

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove** to authorize the MARESA Services Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

**Community Comments:** Janet Wisuri commented on the importance of everyone being treated equally. She also stated that kids living in rural areas have the problem of not having computer access.

### **Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Wendy Pederson reminded everyone that there will be three open seats on our board. Remember the August 4<sup>th</sup> date which will be the primary election to get out and vote. The big Election Day will be on November 3, and it's very important that everyone remembers the necessity that every vote counts. Also important was to sign on the correct township slip.

Randy Couveau explained why he will be in Iowa regarding a new job position. The time will coincide with the board meeting dates so he will have to work around that conflict.

Donna mentioned how perfectly the high school graduation was performed on the football field. The people responsible for this event should be congratulated as it was such a precious memory for the graduates to remember.

Ron Mariani mentioned that congratulations were to be given to Cliff Fossitt, Jon Beckman and PJ O'Brien for their efforts in making the evening such a success.

Bryan DeAugustine also added that Cliff Fossitt did a great job of organizing the graduation and for the respect that the graduates showed during the entire ceremony.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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