

**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 electronically via Zoom on **Monday, August 17, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 6:32 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Cliff Fossitt, Nathan Longton, Chris Marana, PJ O'Brien

Administrator's Absent: Jon Beckman

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 Steve Baril supported by John Grove** to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove** to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove** to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,131,508.64 for the period of July 20, 2020 through August 14, 2020; to approve the July payrolls in the amount of \$700,140.67; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,831,649.31; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$2,004,781.12 and total disbursements of \$2,269,033.70; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$2,399,354.59 for July 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

Included in the Superintendent's Report.

#### Middle School / Athletics Report

Included in the Superintendent's Report.

#### High School Report

Included in the Superintendent's Report.

#### Special Education Report

Included in the Superintendent's Report.

#### Transportation/Grounds/Facilities Report

Included in the Superintendent's Report.

**Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement – No activity this month.

Finance and Ops – No activity this month.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month.

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Sinking Fund 2020 Projects are moving along.

**Business / Action Items:**

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to hire Eli Wolf as an Assistant Football Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove** to hire Ben Pruett as an Assistant Football Coach.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	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 John Grove** to accept Katie Kasbohm’s letter of resignation. Motion carried.

**Motion by John Grove supported by Kathleen Carlson** to accept Judy Tucker’s letter of retirement. Motion carried.

**Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by Kathleen Carlson** to authorize Marquette County as our School Plan Review and Inspection Authority as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to approve the district course offerings as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to accept Jilbert Dairy’s bid for our dairy products as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	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 Kathleen Carlson** to accept Bimbo Bakery's bid for our baked good products as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove** to set the first day of school for students for the 2020-2021 School Year as Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Motion carried.

**Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove** to resolve to continue our membership in the MHSAA.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried

**Motion by Steve Baril supported by John Grove** to authorize raising the paid lunch price by 5 cents and the paid breakfast price also by 5 cents as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Steve Baril	aye	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:**

Steve Baril asked who the point of contact is in the district for organizations who wish to donate school supplies and also asked if there was a specific timeframe for parents if they have to pick up their child if they are sick and showing COVID symptoms. Bryan DeAugustine stated that he is always available for those types of questions.

Kathleen Carlson apologized for the technical difficulties and interruptions with her internet connection this evening.

Wendy Pederson stated that she is looking forward to an in-person meeting for the next board meeting. She also asked about Westwood Drive being paved. Ron Mariani shared what he knew from talking to the township supervisor about the road being paved.

Randy Couveau asked if the State of Michigan has a specific recommendation if we end up with a positive COVID case in the district. Bryan DeAugustine stated that we will follow the health department guidelines and most likely there would be a shutdown of some sort for part or all of the district and we would move to remote learning during that time.

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Ron Mariani thanked Wendy Pederson for including Donna Champion in the Zoom meeting and he's also looking forward to an in-person meeting. He also thanked everyone included in working on the return to school plan and he thinks we are well prepared.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked everyone for their patience during these times.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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