

**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, June 15, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 6:31 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, Jon Beckman, Cliff Fossitt, Chris Marana, Nathan Longton, PJ O'Brien

Administrator's Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### Consent Agenda

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Donna Champion supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$940,852.94 for the period of May 18, 2020 through June 12, 2020; to approve the May payrolls in the amount of \$613,046.87; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,553,899.81; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,401,405.42 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 discussed updates regarding our potential August Academic Program and next fall's start in September. He also thanked Melissa Maki and Jody Salmi for all of their hard work with the budget information for the Annual Budget Hearing earlier this evening.

#### Aspen Ridge Elementary School Report

Chris Marana gave a special thank you to all of the teacher for taking such good care of our students during something that none of us could have ever predicted happening. They did really well with getting content out to the students for distance learning during the shutdown.

#### Middle School / Athletics Report

Jon Beckman also thanked his middle school teachers for their efforts. He also stated that the student pickup of items seemed to be going well. For athletics, Mr. Beckman said we'll see. There are far too many unknowns yet to know how athletics will be handled in the fall.

#### High School Report

Cliff Fossitt discussed the outdoor graduation details that are still being worked out. He also mentioned that the high school teachers have done so well with the work they did to keep students educated during the shutdown. He also gave a special thanks to Colleen Maki for all of her hard work.

#### Special Education Report

Nathan Longton thanked the Special Education team for all of their support of students and parents and applauded their creative attempts to reach students and parents.

Transportation/Grounds/Facilities Report

PJ O'Brien stated the Sinking Fund projects were going well. He also stated that the bus drivers were able to raise just over \$1,000 for the Patriot Packs program, helping to keep our kids fed. For the Grounds department, he mentioned how well the grass is growing and that the groundskeepers have been busy with that.

**Committee Reports**

Academic Achievement – No activity this month.

Finance and Ops – June Budget work will be completed with the Board of the Whole.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – No activity this month.

School Improvement - No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – Ongoing projects are coming along nicely.

**Business / Action Items:**

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to accept Maria Mariani's letter of resignation.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Donna Champion** to hire Maria Young as our Cross Country and Track Coach. Motion carried.

**Motion by Donna Champion supported by Wendy Pederson** to authorize extending our contract with Anderson Tackman as our auditing firm for a period of three years.

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 Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to resolve to accept Range Bank's bid related to the issuance and sale of the Bonds 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 Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to accept Range Ban's bid to finance our bus purchases 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 Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to authorize continuing our affiliation with INN High School for the 2020-2021 School Year.

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 Wendy Pederson supported by Randy Couveau** to resolve to authorize the issuance of State Aid Notes through the Michigan Finance Authority State Aid Note Program 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 John Grove** to adopt the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget Final Amendment 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 Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove** to adopt the 2019-2020 Cafeteria Fund Budget Final Amendment 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 Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to adopt the 2019-2020 Scholarship Budget Final Amendment as presented.

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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 Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove** to adopt the 2019-2020 Sinking Fund Budget Final Amendment 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 John Grove** to adopt the 2019-2020 School and Student Activity Fund Budget Final Amendment 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 Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to adopt the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget 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 Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove** to adopt the 2020-2021 Cafeteria Fund Budget 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 John Grove** to adopt the 2020-2021 Scholarship Fund Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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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 Donna Champion supported by John Grove** to adopt the 2020-2021 Sinking Fund Budget 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 Wendy Pederson supported by Kathleen Carlson** to adopt the 2020-2021 School and Student Activity Fund Budget 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:** Kris Sibley congratulated Donna Champion on her 25<sup>th</sup> year of serving on the NICE Community Schools Board of Education.

**Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:**

Randy Couveau congratulated everyone on their increased resiliency and ability to adapt and overcome adversity with regard to the school being shut down and distance learning efforts. He said he's glad to see that everyone's spirit hasn't been broken.

Wendy Pederson commented on searching for grants for student face masks and encouraged staff to apply for them. She also stated that she was thankful that the meeting was able to be held face to face, rather than electronically.

Steve Baril congratulated Chris Marana for being awarded the Region 14 Principal of the Year.

Kathleen Carlson thanked Bryan DeAugustine for following the rules and doing what he thinks is right for our district.

Donna Champion was thankful for an efficient and productive meeting. She also complimented Bryan DeAugustine for finding the answers to difficult questions.

Ron Mariani echoed what everyone said about the professionalism of the staff. He also wants to give our local law enforcement a shout out for what they do for the District.

Bryan DeAugustine said it's easy to be a great school when things are going well. There are some trying moments with a lot of unknowns, but he stated we will figure this out together.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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