

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 on **Monday, January 18, 2021**.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 6:45 p.m.

Members Present: Dave Boase, Kathleen Carlson, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Scott Mann, Ron Mariani, Wendy Pederson

Members Absent: None

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

Administrator's Absent: None

Public Comment (regarding agenda): None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by John Grove supported by Wendy Pederson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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 previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,451,024.43 for the period of December 14, 2020 through January 15, 2021; to approve the December payrolls in the amount of \$890,799.99; for total disbursements in the amount of \$2,341,824.42; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,607,105.66 and total disbursements of \$1,924,613.54; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$596,042.75 for December 31, 2020. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent & Administrator Reports

Bryan DeAugustine reported on staff vaccinations, student attendance, and zero active COVID cases in the district. He also reported for the administrators due to the electronic meeting, and reported "all systems go" from all of the administrators. He noted that we are seeing more students returning for face to face instruction. He also had an athletics update from Mr. Beckman with all practices beginning for winter sports, for non-contact practice.

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 – No activity this month.

Business / Action Items:

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to accept William Bailey's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize Andrea Covert’s request for maternity leave. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize the leave of absence for Anna Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to hire Marsha Manginen as an SCI Aide. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to reauthorize our Extended Learning and Return to School Plans. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize the Superintendent and Thrun Law Firm to close out the 3% issue with the IRS.

Roll Call Vote:

David Boase	aye	Kathleen Carlson	aye	Randy Couveau	aye
John Grove	aye	Scott Mann	aye	Ron Mariani	aye
Wendy Pederson	aye				

Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Kathleen Carlson thanked the district for allowing her to serve on the board.

Wendy Pederson asked Bryan DeAugustine and Ron Mariani to pen a letter on behalf of the board expressing displeasure in not being able to have in-person board meetings. She also welcomed the new board members.

Randy Couveau thanked Dave Boase and Scott Mann for stepping up to serve on the board and also thanked Kathleen Carlson for continuing to serve. He also thanked Ron Mariani for agreeing to serve another year as the Board President.

Dave Boase thanked the board for being so welcoming. He said that it’s nice to get back to the district he cares so much about. He thanked the administrators for all of their hard work especially during the COVID era. Finally, he thanked Bryan DeAugustine for his dogged tenacity in getting vaccinations for our employees.

Ron Mariani thanked Jon Beckman for all the work he’s doing in trying to hold together an athletic program amidst all of this chaos. He also welcomed the new board members. He stated that regarding in-person meetings, since these current restrictions might be lifted the letter will be tabled for now and put as a discussion item for the February board meeting.

Bryan DeAugustine thanked Dave Boase for his comments. He also stated he’s disappointed in the lack of action with our leaders. The process to organize our employees getting vaccinated was trying, but UPHS Marquette and UPHS Bell were instrumental in helping us get it done.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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