

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, February 15, 2021**.

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Mariani at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Dave Boase, Randy Couveau, John Grove, Scott Mann, Ron Mariani

Members Absent: Kathleen Carlson, Wendy Pederson

Administrator's Present: Bryan DeAugustine, Jon Beckman (arrived late), 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 Randy Couveau to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Jon Grove supported by Scott Mann to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$677,323.75 for the period of January 18, 2021 through February 12, 2021; to approve the January payrolls in the amount of \$616,298.75; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,293,622.50; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,249,239.27 and total disbursements of \$1,239,156.30; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$750,208.14 for January 31, 2021. 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 that Janet Kuopus is doing her school administrator internship with him and that she will be attending board meetings. A few other noteworthy items included the change that MARESA has made with regard to educating students who are in jail, House Bill 4167, a potential extension to the school year by 20 days, and the concern for students who still have not come back and are not associated with any other school or virtual academy.

He also reported for the building administrators. Aspen Ridge Elementary School is seeing more kids returning for face to face learning. Kindergarten registration will be taking place in March and is by appointment this year. Aspen Ridge Middle School has been super busy but firing on all cylinders. Athletics has been crazy but our kids are finally able to compete. Westwood High School is also busy but running well. Plans are in the early stages for a possible outdoor prom and of course graduation plans have also begun. The Special Education department has an intern starting in the Speech and Language Department with John Kinney and planning has begun for the summer SCI program. In Transportation, the bus drivers have been doing a great job and there are only two sub drivers now.

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 reauthorize our Extended Learning and Return to School Plans. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to approve our WHS Class of 2021 graduation list as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Boase supported by Randy Couveau to adopt the MASB resolution regarding in-person meetings as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to resolve to participate in Schools of Choice as presented. Motion carried.

Community Comments: None

Closing comments by Board or Superintendent:

Randy Couveau shared that he will be out of the area for work for the next year but he'll do his best to attend the board meetings and committee meetings during that time.

Dave Boase stated that he was having a hard time understanding the reasoning behind the idea of a MARESA board member having to do an inspection of local schools, the potential extension of the school year, and the MARESA staff no longer educating students at the jail.

Ron Mariani shared a really nice article in the Mining Journal of the BPA group and their recent success at the regional level of competition. He also mentioned Class of 2020 graduates Tessa Leece and Madelyn Koski playing basketball at the college level as opponents recently.

Bryan DeAugustine mentioned that Jon Beckman wanted to give a shout out to Andrea Korpi, Jamie Barbieri, Kathleen Carlson and the rest of the WHS wrestling crew for holding the first rapid COVID screening for the wrestlers to be able to compete.

Motion by John Grove supported by Scott Mann to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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