

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 19, 2021.**

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

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

Public Comment (regarding agenda):

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kathy Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to move the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to approve the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to approve the General Fund Bills in the amount of \$1,554,417.83 for the period of June 21, 2021 through July 16, 2021; to approve the June payrolls in the amount of \$632,828.67; for total disbursements in the amount of \$2,187,246.50; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$1,056,453.43 and total disbursements of \$1,302,975.48; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$1,416,444.58 for June 30, 2021. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent & Administrator Reports

Bryan DeAugustine updated the board on his recent meeting with the Marquette County Health Department and the fact that we will open our 2021-2022 School Year with no pandemic restrictions. He also stated that good news came out of Lansing with regard to school funding and that we should be receiving more than originally thought which will support our Fund Balance.

Committee Reports

Academic Achievement – No activity this month.

Finance and Ops – No activity this month.

Personnel – No activity this month.

Policy – Met prior to tonight's meeting and recommends the first reading of the most recent NEOLA updates.

School Improvement – No activity this month.

Sinking Fund – No activity this month.

Business / Action Items:

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize wage increases for our Administrative Assistants as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Wendy Pederson to accept Mike Rivord's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann to accept the bid from Carpet Specialists for our flooring installation as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Boase supported by John Grove to authorize our continued affiliation with INN as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize our use of MARESA Special Education services as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Wendy Pederson supported by John Grove to recognize the 1st reading of NEOLA policy updates Volume 35 Number 2, EDGAR Revisions, and Nondiscrimination/Anti-Harassment Policies as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann to authorize our continued partnership with CAAM (Community Action Alger Marquette) for our NICE Start educational programming. Motion carried.

Community Comments: Kris Sibley stated that the schools are looking very good and that she has enjoyed volunteering for so many years in the district. Jen Nutini thanked the district for putting medical decisions back in the hands of parents regarding masks and vaccinations. She also shared a few questions on behalf of a parent group that she belongs to regarding the same. Mr. DeAugustine spoke and answered her questions.

Closing Comments by Board or Superintendent:

Randy Couveau thanked the community members for joining the meeting. He also thanked the staff for all of their hard work during the pandemic.

Ron Mariani echoed Randy Couveau's statements and added that despite the unusual year for 2020-2021, the student test scores were great. He also thanked the community for their support with the weight room project and the Sinking Fund projects.

Bryan DeAugustine commented that last year was a true team effort to get through and he has high hopes for the upcoming year.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____