

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, September 20, 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

Members Absent: Wendy Pederson

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

Administrator's Absent: Jon Beckman

Public Comment (regarding agenda):

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to approve the agenda as amended. 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 \$1,237,183.98 for the period of August 16, 2021 through September 17, 2021; to approve the August payrolls in the amount of \$481,836.91; for total disbursements in the amount of \$1,719,020.89; to approve the Treasurer's Reports of the General Fund with total receipts of \$4,728,701.09 and total disbursements of \$4,589,581.08; to approve the Sinking Fund balance of \$836,490.09b for July 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Reports, Presentations, Discussion Items

Superintendent & Administrator Reports

Bryan DeAugustine reported on the MCHD mask mandate for PreK-6th grade students. He also gave updates on active cases within the district, test scores from last spring, ESSR funding, an upcoming Superintendent's conference in Traverse City, and potentially changing the October board meeting date. Reporting for Jon Beckman, the fall athletic seasons are in full swing and our student athletes are seeing a lot of success.

Chris Marana reported that the Aspen Ridge students are in the process of taking the first NWEA assessment and he thanked Faith Lutheran Church for the donation of school supplies.

Cliff Fossitt reported about the recent blood drive that was held for students and staff.

Nate Longton talked about the test scores and the accommodations that are provided to ensure all students can participate.

PJ O'Brien reported that one bus driver has retired but the staff is holding their own. Repair parts have continued to be a challenge to get. The custodians are continuing to keep our buildings in great shape.

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.

Regional Relations – Upcoming meeting with MARESA on September 30.

Business / Action Items

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to accept Randy Bergman's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to hire Susan Dobson as a part-time server. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to authorize Katie Ferguson's maternity leave. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Scott Mann to hire Luke Gray as a teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Mann supported by John Grove to authorize Kristi Head's maternity leave. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by John Grove to accept Lori Nylander's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by Scott Mann to accept Luke Rutter's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Randy Couveau supported by John Grove to accept Eric Warlin's letter of resignation from his grounds keeping position. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathleen Carlson supported by Scott Mann to authorize Laura Woolard's leave of absence. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Boase supported by Kathleen Carlson to approve our course offerings as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Boase supported by Randy Couveau to set our millage rates as presented. Motion carried.

Community Comments

Julie Markham, Janet Wisuri, Ryan Scott, Jen Nutini, and Heather Rice spoke against the mask mandate for PreK-6th grade students. Kris Sibley thanked our staff for all they do.

Closing Comments by Board or Superintendent

Kathleen Carlson asked if instruction would be available for our students if they don't come to school. Her question was answered with the Patriot Online enrollment option.

Dave Boase thanked Glenn Roberts always going above and beyond.

Ron Mariani thanked all of the families who came to the meeting and those who spoke.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____